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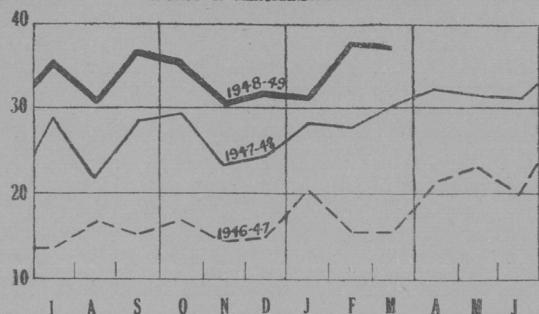
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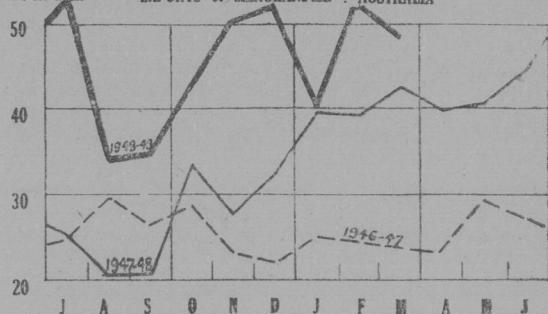
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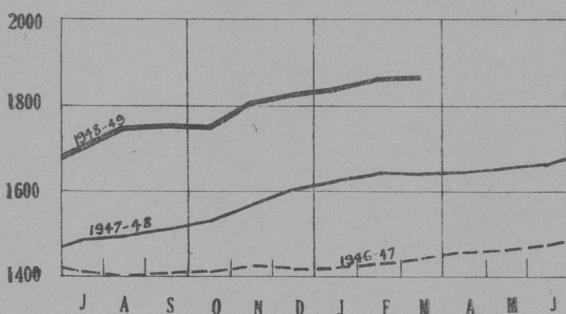
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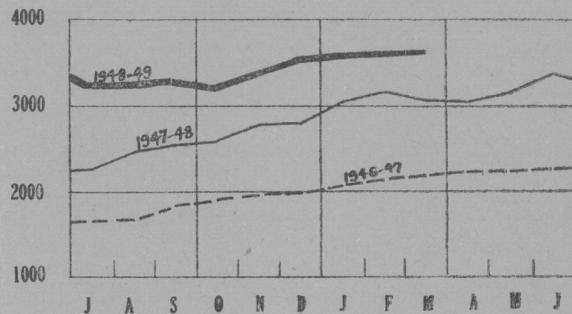
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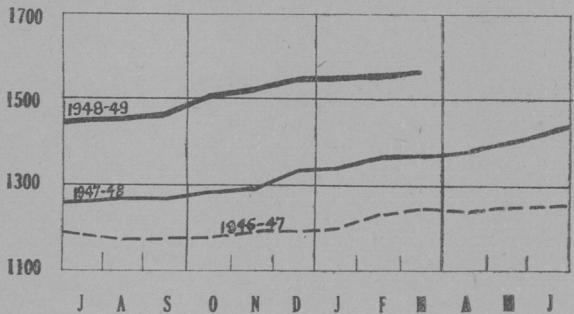
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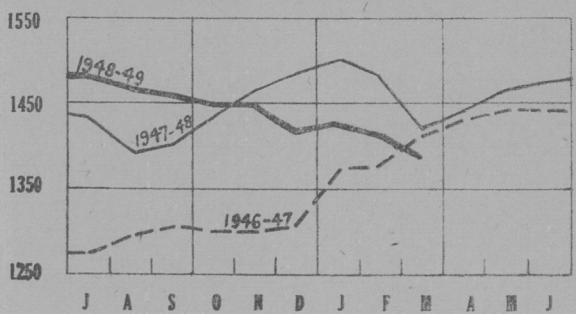
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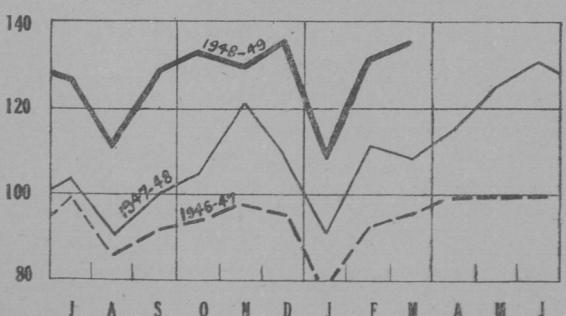
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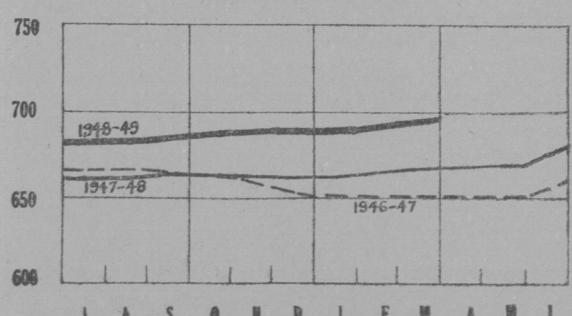
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Employment—Australia.(a)						Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46 = 1000) (n).	Wholesale Trade—Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. (d)	Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue. (d)			
	Estimated Total—All Employment.	Total—end of month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (See note (b) below.)			Factories : Number of Persons Employed. (c)	Retail Stores : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 1000).						
		Males.	Females.	Total.								
1932-33 ..	'000. (e)1,643	'000. (e)992	'000. (e)341	'000. (e)1,333	352	(f)1000	..	£ millions. 29.1	£'000. 3,017			
1936-37 ..	..	..	..	..	499	1247	..	37.2	3,407
1937-38 ..	..	..	..	..	536	1283	..	40.6	3,632
1938-39 ..	(g)2,061	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	542	1300	..	39.8	3,580			
	(i)	(i)	(i)	(i)								
1941-42 ..	(h)2,206	1,354	583	1,937	703	1332	863	48.4	5,235			
1942-43 ..	(j)2,141	1,289	625	1,914	739	1163	988	49.7	6,615			
1943-44 ..	(k)2,104	1,274	640	1,914	745	1104	1028	50.5	6,434			
1944-45 ..	(l)2,114	1,284	626	1,910	727	1138	1013	52.3	5,869			
1945-46 ..	†m2,344	1,379	602	1,981	718	1267	1000	55.7	5,576			
1946-47 ..	..	1,592	610	2,202	776	1448	1035	66.8	5,303		
1947-48 ..	..	1,693	635	2,328	809	1559	1159	79.5	6,376		
1946-47—												
May ..	..	1,642	618	2,260	788	1469	1065	76.2	5,305		
June ..	..	1,649	620	2,269	793	1477	1078	70.7	5,126		
1947-48—								(o)				
July ..	..	1,662	624	2,286	801	1484	1107	78.3	5,666		
August ..	..	1,668	627	2,295	806	1488	1100	75.1	6,083		
September ..	..	1,677	629	2,306	807	1500	1111	79.2	6,340		
October ..	..	1,684	633	2,317	809	1522	1130	81.5	6,688		
November ..	..	1,688	637	2,325	809	1563	1145	80.6	6,317		
December ..	..	1,691	638	2,329	804	1607	1143	79.4	6,774		
January ..	..	1,694	631	2,325	805	1565	1155	63.6	6,518		
February ..	..	1,686	635	2,321	804	1567	1172	76.6	5,471		
March ..	..	1,695	640	2,335	805	1583	1197	82.0	6,105		
April ..	..	1,717	641	2,358	817	1594	1216	87.5	6,673		
May ..	..	1,725	642	2,367	819	1610	1209	81.2	6,936		
June ..	..	1,731	644	2,375	823	1622	1230	89.3	6,944		
1948-49—												
July ..	..	1,733	645	2,378	823	1629	1270	90.7	6,669		
August ..	..	1,735	646	2,381	824	1634	1273	91.5	7,109		
September ..	..	1,739	651	2,390	827	1642	1302	97.3	7,255		
October ..	..	1,741	654	2,395	827	1653	1292	92.6	7,242		
November ..	..	1,749	659	2,408	830	1698	1276	97.8	7,224		
December ..	..	1,754	663	2,417	827	1761	*1310	90.9	7,424		
January ..	..	1,756	653	2,409	826	1691	*1328	+72.9	6,888		
February ..	..	1,764	659	2,423	833	1681	*1338	+85.6	6,803		
March ..	..	1,774	663	2,437	839	1684	*1371		7,435		
April ..	..	1,777	662	2,439	838	1686	1343				
May ..	..	1,787	664	2,451	841	1689					

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces, at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. (b) Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (c) Excludes working proprietors. (d) Monthly average for years, and monthly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1933. (g) July, 1939. (h) July, 1941. (i) Averages for year.

(j) June, 1942. (k) June, 1943. (l) June, 1945. (m) June, 1946. (n) Average earnings per male unit employed.

Male units represent total male employment plus 45 per cent. of female employment. Seasonally adjusted. (o) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways systems.

For meaning of symbols . . , * , † see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (a)	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of Period. (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Building Permits (b) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Savings Bank Deposits at end of Period.	Australian Notes held by Public.	Bank Clearings Six Capitals (Weekly Averages).	Nine Trading Banks.						
								Deposits.		Advances.				
		Motor Cars.	Com- mer- cial Vehicles, etc.					Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.					
		£'000. (c)	'000. (c)	£'000. (c)	£ millions. (d)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions.				
1932-33	..	1,053	438	106	565	202.3	25.0	30.1	183.2	86.7				
1936-37	..	1,318	499	214	1,986	230.9	29.9	42.0	184.7	112.9				
1937-38	..	1,396	535	242	2,307	240.4	31.9	44.0	194.8	120.0				
1938-39	..	1,447	562	258	2,353	245.6	33.1	43.1	198.8	118.9				
1942-43	..	2,033	472	256	272	358.0	107.7	65.7	193.4	233.3				
1943-44	..	2,223	493	274	299	471.5	149.3	70.5	211.7	291.0				
1944-45	..	2,323	506	291	520	567.0	177.1	72.2	224.0	343.8				
1945-46	..	2,371	523	333	2,190	663.6	175.7	79.6	220.4	386.0				
1946-47	..	2,484	550	376	4,084	660.0	180.7	93.9	206.9	429.7				
1947-48	..	2,616	593	414	4,687	681.3	176.0	109.8	201.9	471.6				
1948-49	..	2,776					179.5	131.0	211.3	565.1				
Monthly Totals.														
1946-47—														
May	..	2,618	548	373	4,237	650.3	181.7	99.7	203.7	450.1				
June	..	2,592	550	376	4,468	660.0	183.6	99.1	201.6	446.7				
1947-48—														
July	..	2,505	553	377	4,832	661.0	183.7	104.7	202.9	429.6				
August	..	2,517	556	381	4,706	661.5	185.0	91.3	202.3	426.4				
September	..	2,736	560	386	5,169	664.4	177.1	101.0	203.0	435.9				
October	..	2,763	565	391	4,614	663.4	173.6	104.9	204.0	447.9				
November	..	2,370	565	393	4,570	663.0	173.2	120.7	203.0	456.3				
December	..	2,836	569	396	4,284	661.9	180.3	109.2	203.0	465.6				
January	..	2,466	572	398	3,641	662.9	171.5	91.0	201.7	471.5				
February	..	2,454	576	403	4,013	665.1	170.7	111.8	199.9	486.7				
March	..	2,609	578	405	4,695	667.4	176.3	108.6	200.7	505.0				
April	..	2,744	584	410	5,451	667.9	174.5	115.2	200.8	508.7				
May	..	2,562	589	410	5,530	669.1	172.4	125.7	200.8	507.5				
June	..	2,834	593	414	4,734	681.3	173.8	130.9	200.2	516.6				
1948-49—														
July	..	2,536	596	414	5,582	682.6	173.2	126.7	199.3	499.3				
August	..	2,667	604	419	5,226	683.6	173.3	111.3	199.2	489.1				
September	..	2,755	610	424	5,264	685.0	173.6	128.9	202.4	516.6				
October	..	2,724	615	427	4,767	686.4	173.9	132.8	211.4	530.9				
November	..	2,743	623	432	5,209	688.5	174.9	129.2	213.3	550.8				
December	..	3,009	629	436	4,837	688.4	188.4	135.1	213.2	575.4				
January	..	2,367	628	437	4,896	690.6	177.0	108.2	215.5	575.6				
February	..	2,613	633	439	5,490	694.6	178.9	131.3	214.7	598.7				
March	..	3,159	640	444	7,220	696.3	182.2	135.2	214.0	612.0				
April	..	2,649	641	444	*5,709	699.6	185.5	134.3	218.4	612.2				
May	..	2,956			6,801	701.5	184.2	146.2	217.8	608.4				
June	..	3,129					189.1	145.5	215.9	601.5				

(a) Actual collections. (b) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 28). (c) Monthly averages. (d) Average of twelve monthly statements. (e) Average twelve months ended June. (f) Figures for September 1945 and onward are not strictly comparable with previous figures owing to the exclusion of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA. (a)
 (Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- ment- al Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries.(c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Trans- port and Commu- ni- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fes- sional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6	
1941—July ..	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.6	490.9	144.2	192.6	102.3	117.4	123.9
1942—June ..	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.2	509.0	117.5	195.9	81.5	98.8	108.4
1943—June ..	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	45.2	520.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	89.3	100.1
1944—June ..	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7	106.6
1945—June ..	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	43.6	514.5	87.9	209.2	76.4	97.1	114.0
1946—June ..	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.4	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.4	140.6
1947—June ..	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.9
1948—June ..	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	52.7	617.2	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7	163.3
1949—January ..	504.9	1,251.2	1,756.1	51.1	619.8	172.4	275.3	126.3	167.2	166.0
February ..	507.8	1,255.9	1,763.7	52.1	622.3	174.7	276.0	125.5	168.1	166.9
March ..	511.3	1,262.2	1,773.5	52.1	626.0	177.5	277.3	125.4	168.8	167.8
April ..	513.2	1,263.6	1,776.8	52.0	625.2	178.6	278.6	125.5	169.0	169.0
May ..	518.6	1,268.2	1,786.8	52.3	628.1	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9	168.0
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0	
1941—July ..	70.8	485.4	556.2	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.4	44.3	154.9
1942—June ..	100.8	502.8	603.6	0.6	206.0	2.0	25.7	104.2	51.8	160.2
1943—June ..	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.6	98.5	52.6	165.3
1944—June ..	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	170.7
1945—June ..	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.3	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6	175.7
1946—June ..	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	192.1	2.4	32.4	99.6	50.8	183.4
1947—June ..	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	199.9	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0	193.3
1948—June ..	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	205.4	2.9	35.0	109.3	56.9	200.3
1949—January ..	95.7	557.5	653.2	0.7	206.5	3.0	36.3	111.8	58.7	203.0
February ..	97.4	562.0	659.4	0.7	210.7	3.1	36.7	111.0	59.7	204.1
March ..	98.0	565.1	663.1	0.7	213.0	3.1	36.5	111.0	60.0	205.2
April ..	98.3	564.1	662.4	0.7	212.6	3.1	36.4	110.9	59.6	205.6
May ..	99.1	564.9	664.0	0.7	213.0	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8	205.5
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6	
1941—July ..	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	55.1	678.7	146.1	213.7	204.7	161.7	278.8
1942—June ..	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	48.8	715.0	119.5	221.6	185.7	150.6	268.6
1943—June ..	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9	265.4
1944—June ..	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3
1945—June ..	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	44.0	720.8	90.1	246.2	172.8	149.7	289.7
1946—June ..	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.5	127.3	270.2	202.8	184.2	324.0
1947—June ..	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	51.5	793.1	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9	349.2
1948—June ..	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	53.3	822.6	170.7	304.9	232.6	218.6	363.6
1949—January ..	600.6	1,808.7	2,409.3	51.8	826.3	175.4	311.6	238.1	225.9	369.0
February ..	605.2	1,817.9	2,423.1	52.8	833.0	177.8	312.7	236.5	227.8	371.0
March ..	609.3	1,827.3	2,436.6	52.8	839.0	180.6	313.8	236.4	228.8	373.0
April ..	611.5	1,827.7	2,439.2	52.7	837.8	181.7	315.0	236.4	228.6	374.6
May ..	617.7	1,833.1	2,450.8	53.0	841.1	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7	373.5

(a) Employees in the defence forces, at home or abroad, are excluded. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1947) subject to revision. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, post office, education, police, public works, &c., as well as administrative employees. (c) From July, 1947, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: STATES.(a)

(Thousands.)

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1941—July	..	547.7	403.4	166.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	3.5	3.1	1,363.4
1942—June	..	535.0	375.5	165.8	116.9	71.7	37.5	4.3	2.8	1,309.5
1943—June	..	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June	..	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June	..	536.0	359.2	169.0	109.4	75.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June	..	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June	..	671.8	452.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June	..	702.3	473.3	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,730.9
1949—January	..	712.3	480.7	231.4	153.0	111.6	56.1	4.0	7.0	1,756.1
February	..	716.3	482.0	234.0	152.8	110.9	56.6	4.0	7.1	1,763.7
March	..	717.4	485.9	236.0	154.0	112.1	57.0	4.0	7.1	1,773.5
April	..	717.9	486.0	237.3	154.5	112.7	57.3	4.1	7.0	1,776.8
May	..	721.3	489.2	239.8	154.9	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,786.8
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July	..	218.3	186.0	60.5	43.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1942—June	..	235.0	198.5	67.4	51.4	33.5	16.2	0.2	1.4	603.6
1943—June	..	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June	..	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June	..	247.9	193.2	75.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June	..	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.5	16.6	0.3	1.6	596.0
1947—June	..	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
1948—June	..	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
1949—January	..	266.4	198.9	78.8	51.4	36.9	18.2	0.6	2.0	653.2
February	..	268.0	201.7	79.7	51.8	37.4	18.1	0.7	2.0	659.4
March	..	269.1	203.3	79.9	52.0	37.7	18.4	0.7	2.0	663.1
April	..	269.0	202.5	79.6	52.0	37.9	18.7	0.7	2.0	662.4
May	..	269.9	202.4	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.0
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1941—July	..	766.0	589.4	226.8	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.9	4.4	1,919.6
1942—June	..	770.0	574.0	233.2	168.3	105.2	53.7	4.5	4.2	1,913.1
1943—June	..	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June	..	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June	..	783.9	552.4	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June	..	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.4	63.5	3.1	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June	..	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
1948—June	..	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—January	..	978.7	679.6	310.2	204.4	148.5	74.3	4.6	9.0	2,409.3
February	..	984.3	683.7	313.7	204.6	148.3	74.7	4.7	9.1	2,423.1
March	..	986.5	689.2	315.9	206.0	149.8	75.4	4.7	9.1	2,436.6
April	..	986.9	688.5	316.9	206.5	150.6	76.0	4.8	9.0	2,439.2
May	..	991.2	691.6	319.9	207.1	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,450.8

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 4.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1019	1019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1031	1022
1941-42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	504.7	198.1	(a)702.8	1337	1286
1942-43 ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	517.7	221.1	(a)738.8	1405	1339
1943-44 ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	(a)744.5	1416	1338
1944-45 ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	(a)727.2	1383	1293
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1366	1264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1475	1347
1947-48† ..	346.2	266.0	72.3	70.7	33.8	20.2	605.9	203.3	809.2	1539	1384
Monthly Totals.											
1946-47—											
May ..	337.3	258.9	69.8	69.3	33.3	19.8	589.1	199.3	788.4	1500	1361
June ..	338.7	260.8	71.1	69.5	33.1	19.9	593.2	199.9	793.1	1508	1367
1947-48—†	(b)										
July ..	341.8	263.3	72.6	70.2	33.2	20.0	599.0	202.1	801.1	1524	1379
August ..	343.9	264.5	75.0	69.9	33.4	19.6	603.9	202.4	806.3	1534	1387
September ..	345.1	263.9	75.0	70.2	33.7	19.4	604.9	202.4	807.3	1536	1388
October ..	346.2	264.7	74.3	70.2	33.6	19.7	605.5	203.2	808.7	1538	1387
November ..	346.6	265.8	74.1	69.9	33.4	19.5	605.2	204.1	809.3	1539	1386
December ..	345.2	264.3	71.6	70.0	33.4	19.9	601.9	202.5	804.4	1530	1376
January ..	344.7	264.2	70.6	71.2	33.5	20.3	604.2	200.3	804.5	1530	1373
February ..	346.9	266.2	66.1	71.1	33.6	20.4	601.3	203.0	804.3	1530	1372
March ..	347.5	267.5	64.8	71.1	34.0	20.5	600.8	204.6	805.4	1532	1372
April ..	348.3	269.4	72.9	71.6	34.0	21.1	612.2	205.1	817.3	1555	1390
May ..	348.6	268.9	74.8	71.3	34.6	21.1	614.7	204.6	819.3	1558	1390
June ..	350.0	269.3	75.9	71.8	34.5	21.1	617.2	205.4	822.6	1565	1395
1948-49—†											
July ..	351.0	268.9	76.5	71.8	34.4	20.7	617.1	206.2	823.3	1566	1393
August ..	351.7	269.6	76.6	71.6	34.2	20.7	617.4	207.0	824.4	1568	1393
September ..	353.0	270.0	76.3	72.2	34.4	20.7	617.5	209.1	826.6	1572	1394
October ..	353.4	270.6	75.6	72.4	34.7	20.5	617.0	210.2	827.2	1573	1393
November ..	354.9	271.8	75.9	72.3	34.8	20.7	619.2	211.2	830.4	1579	1396
December ..	353.5	271.8	73.0	72.5	34.8	21.0	616.9	209.7	826.6	1572	1387
January ..	353.7	271.6	72.4	73.0	34.5	21.1	619.8	206.5	826.3	1572	1385
February ..	356.8	273.7	73.8	73.1	34.5	21.1	622.3	210.7	833.0	1584	1394
March ..	357.6	276.1	75.3	73.2	35.3	21.5	626.0	213.0	839.0	1596	1402
April ..	356.2	274.8	75.8	73.7	35.4	21.9	625.2	212.6	837.8	1593	1397
May ..	357.6	275.4	77.2	73.6	35.3	22.0	628.1	213.0	841.1	1600	1401

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1941-42, 79.8; 1942-43, 121.8; 1943-44, 116.0; and 1944-45, 89.1. (b) Final figures for New South Wales for 1947-48 and revised estimates for 1948-49 are available but are not published here pending finalization of figures for other States.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

RETAIL STORES EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Males—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)								
1941—November	..	1007	996	1020	987	961	996	1001
1945—August	..	734	758	762	803	788	867	758
1948—May ..	..	1247	1234	1262	1341	1413	1231	1265
June ..	..	1247	1242	1272	1334	1411	1261	1269
July ..	..	1258	1263	1277	1343	1443	1251	1282
August	..	1274	1257	1295	1347	1439	1243	1289
September	..	1267	1270	1304	1366	1447	1259	1294
October	..	1271	1266	1306	1384	1453	1267	1297
November	..	1305	1296	1322	1413	1493	1269	1326
December	..	1358	1327	1344	1430	1514	1319	1364
1949—January	..	1312	1294	1304	1405	1507	1282	1327
February	..	1296	1297	1294	1404	1512	1286	1320
March	..	1295	1302	1295	1395	1534	1257	1321
April	..	1300	1301	1295	1391	1539	1286	1324
May ..	..	1308	1298	1301	1393	1503	1295	1325
Females—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)								
1941—November	..	1060	1055	1069	1075	1070	1058	1062
1945—August	..	965	922	1055	1042	1003	1060	975
1948—May ..	..	1133	1047	1207	1154	1155	1191	1123
June ..	..	1139	1063	1215	1201	1157	1210	1136
July ..	..	1137	1057	1229	1166	1175	1219	1133
August	..	1142	1059	1222	1164	1165	1188	1133
September	..	1156	1058	1233	1176	1174	1204	1142
October	..	1165	1066	1250	1204	1198	1210	1155
November	..	1205	1106	1279	1245	1221	1238	1192
December	..	1272	1155	1328	1264	1270	1296	1246
1949—January	..	1197	1098	1255	1196	1217	1285	1180
February	..	1185	1092	1252	1197	1222	1254	1172
March	..	1186	1096	1248	1209	1226	1270	1176
April	..	1178	1102	1266	1203	1233	1254	1175
May ..	..	1180	1104	1279	1214	1221	1255	1179
Persons—Index of Employment. (Base : July, 1941 = 1,000.)								
1941—November	..	1034	1025	1042	1031	1016	1024	1030
1945—August	..	849	837	892	922	897	953	864
1948—May ..	..	1189	1139	1237	1244	1277	1211	1188
June ..	..	1193	1151	1246	1265	1277	1236	1196
July ..	..	1197	1158	1255	1251	1301	1235	1201
August	..	1207	1156	1262	1252	1294	1216	1205
September	..	1211	1162	1272	1267	1302	1232	1212
October	..	1218	1164	1280	1291	1318	1239	1219
November	..	1255	1199	1302	1326	1349	1254	1253
December	..	1315	1239	1337	1344	1385	1308	1299
1949—January	..	1254	1194	1282	1296	1354	1284	1247
February	..	1240	1192	1275	1297	1358	1270	1240
March	..	1240	1197	1274	1298	1371	1263	1242
April	..	1239	1200	1282	1293	1377	1271	1244
May ..	..	1243	1199	1291	1300	1354	1275	1246

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wages earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1941-42	..	4,204	2,991	1,275	881	599	270	10,220
1942-43	..	4,617	3,198	1,498	951	582	283	11,129
1943-44	..	4,757	3,254	1,624	966	607	304	11,512
1944-45	..	4,721	3,194	1,553	935	626	312	11,341
1945-46	..	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47	..	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947-48	..	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1945-46—								
March Qtr.	..	4,817	3,290	1,474	920	687	339	11,527
June "	..	5,384	3,686	1,613	1,036	756	375	12,850
1946-47—								
September Qtr.	..	5,495	3,756	1,692	1,082	789	385	13,199
December "	..	5,949	4,018	1,816	1,153	832	411	14,179
March "	..	5,713	3,847	1,687	1,148	811	396	13,602
June "	..	6,246	4,261	1,896	1,223	890	449	14,965
1947-48—								
September Qtr.	..	6,480	4,399	2,004	1,269	902	447	15,501
December "	..	7,229	4,817	2,147	1,365	970	492	17,020
March "	..	6,753	4,543	1,863	1,350	936	486	15,931
June "	..	7,419	5,109	2,245	1,472	1,011	540	17,796
1948-49—								
September Qtr.	..	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December "	..	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108
March "	..	7,730	5,307	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c)								
1941-42	..	5.78	5.72	5.26	5.25	5.43	4.80	5.59
1942-43	..	6.59	6.56	6.23	6.02	5.93	5.39	6.42
1943-44	..	6.87	6.83	6.60	6.26	6.28	5.84	6.70
1944-45	..	6.74	6.71	6.37	6.12	6.27	5.76	6.57
1945-46	..	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47	..	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48	..	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1945-46—								
March Qtr.	..	6.35	6.41	5.63	5.74	5.91	5.53	6.16
June "	..	6.76	6.84	5.98	6.04	6.14	5.82	6.54
1946-47—								
September Qtr.	..	6.69	6.75	5.99	6.05	6.22	5.81	6.49
December "	..	7.09	7.15	6.31	6.36	6.36	6.12	6.86
March "	..	6.72	6.75	5.79	6.21	6.06	5.79	6.48
June "	..	7.23	7.34	6.31	6.53	6.56	6.43	7.00
1947-48—								
September Qtr.	..	7.40	7.52	6.46	6.71	6.70	6.35	7.16
December "	..	8.15	8.14	6.88	7.15	7.12	6.89	7.77
March "	..	7.58	7.60	6.20	7.01	6.83	6.67	7.27
June "	..	8.25	8.46	7.09	7.51	7.25	7.28	7.98
1948-49—								
September Qtr.	..	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December "	..	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March "	..	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

Period.	Persons.						Australia.		
	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMITTED TO BENEFIT EACH MONTH.(c)									
1945-46 ..	4,066	225	913	913	336	26	5,455	1,024	6,479
1946-47 ..	1,059	1,349	2,993	115	998	34	6,115	433	6,548
1947-48 ..	293	86	1,769	20	206	15	2,273	116	2,389
Monthly Totals.									
1947-48—									
February ..	211	49	5,835	9	136	7	5,953	294	6,247
March ..	145	43	3,423	9	115	8	3,446	297	3,743
April ..	118	31	1,241	8	94	6	1,386	112	1,498
May ..	155	49	720	9	131	10	1,005	69	1,074
June ..	169	52	421	9	123	6	743	37	780
1948-49—									
July ..	181	51	464	15	139	18	799	69	868
August ..	160	35	313	7	99	12	571	55	626
September ..	122	29	357	9	74	11	542	60	602
October ..	402	23	484	6	67	8	939	51	990
November ..	533	17	405	20	51	8	973	61	1,034
December ..	141	15	795	6	45	6	972	36	1,008
January ..	172	19	1,757	5	118	6	2,013	64	2,077
February† ..	84	22	1,319	1	75	9	1,452	58	1,510
March† ..	117	13	1,005	4	49	8	1,148	48	1,196
April† ..	144	12	804	22	62	8	992	60	1,052
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(d)									
1945-46 ..	3,380	321	1,510	854	443	43	5,799	752	6,551
1946-47 ..	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,143	295	9,438
1947-48 ..	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,713	175	3,888
Monthly Totals.									
1947-48—									
February ..	470	80	5,170	39	310	25	5,850	244	6,094
March ..	348	62	5,891	22	239	23	6,221	364	6,585
April ..	319	55	2,582	22	191	21	3,022	168	3,190
May ..	289	53	1,513	18	189	24	1,946	140	2,086
June ..	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1948-49—									
July ..	278	53	732	24	193	31	1,196	115	1,311
August ..	292	38	700	19	175	36	1,142	118	1,260
September ..	235	29	586	19	149	36	938	116	1,054
October ..	420	34	548	11	116	37	1,075	91	1,166
November ..	375	26	602	7	102	32	1,036	108	1,144
December ..	308	27	1,119	11	104	32	1,507	94	1,601
January ..	293	24	1,704	8	121	30	2,084	96	2,180
February† ..	216	17	2,066	7	114	29	2,353	96	2,449
March† ..	233	22	2,076	9	100	23	2,373	90	2,463
April† ..	232	25	1,555	20	95	28	1,856	99	1,955

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Four or five-weekly period ending last

Saturday of month.

(d) Last Saturday of month.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS—*continued.*

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING EACH MONTH (£).

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Monthly Averages.							
1945–46	22,934	2,353	9,011	6,102	3,037	319	43,756
1946–47	14,345	13,255	36,754	1,672	9,225	651	75,902
1947–48	5,042	1,387	20,696	336	3,099	242	30,802
Monthly Totals.							
1946–47—							
May	14,273	10,822	38,868	875	6,820	524	72,182
June	12,244	4,430	25,992	942	5,163	366	49,137
1947–48—							
July	9,494	3,499	23,997	704	6,666	442	44,802
August	11,067	2,928	19,324	639	5,594	364	39,916
September	8,861	1,850	13,844	644	4,098	390	29,687
October	7,132	1,962	13,481	443	3,889	383	27,290
November	3,981	1,483	9,572	367	2,889	213	18,505
December	3,516	877	9,469	288	2,145	179	16,474
January	3,994	1,004	18,263	267	3,613	200	27,341
February	3,973	732	21,760	210	2,177	162	29,014
March	1,944	614	36,890	168	1,712	111	41,439
April	2,334	767	53,925	135	1,622	169	58,952
May	2,365	443	18,630	12	1,310	123	22,883
June	1,838	480	9,202	161	1,477	168	13,326
1948–49—							
July	2,690	381	7,534	160	1,795	252	12,812
August	2,088	472	3,595	30	1,406	707	8,298
September	1,770	270	1,358	7	1,287	262	4,954
October	1,826	158	5,214	45	867	220	8,330
November	2,200	198	2,101	68	622	299	5,488
December	2,116	130	4,777	2	630	144	7,799
January	1,824	140	8,976	65	804	237	12,046
February	1,611	111	13,041	11	569	163	15,506
March	1,074	141	16,524	6	736	178	18,659
April	1,532	117	19,766	Cr. 92	549	190	22,062
May	3,158	155	10,894	41	347	164	14,759

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—Benefits are paid weekly, in arrears.

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 56 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1936-37	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1941-42	2.8	1.7	3.4	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.4
1942-43	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.1	1.3
1943-44	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.2
1944-45	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2
1945-46	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1945-46—							
February	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
May	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
1946-47—							
August	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
November	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
February	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
May	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.3
1947-48—							
August	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.5	1.1
November	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.9
February	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9
May	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
1948-49—							
August	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
November	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
February	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM NOVEMBER, 1948 TO FEBRUARY, 1949.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.4% to 0.5%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., nil (0.3%); III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 2.2% to 1.4%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.6% to 0.7%; V. Books, printing, &c., nil (0.1%); VI. Other Manufacturing, 1.3% to 1.6%; VII. Building, 1.0% to 0.9%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., nil (2.4%); X. Land Transport other than railway and tramway services, 1.3% to 1.5%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.7% to 0.5%; All groups, nil (0.8%).

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

£A'000 F.O.B.

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.		Total.									
	Class I.A.	Class I.B.	Class Ic.	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.							
Annual Totals.														
1936-37 ..	4,164	4.0	1,708	1.7	41,223	39.9	47,095	45.6	7,452	7.2	4,893	4.7		
1937-38 ..	5,661	4.4	1,855	1.5	51,419	40.2	58,935	46.1	9,411	7.4	5,644	4.4		
1938-39 ..	4,622	4.1	2,053	1.8	43,181	38.2	49,856	44.1	8,828	7.8	5,630	4.9		
1941-42 ..	3,003	1.8	1,114	0.7	63,323	37.1	67,440	39.6	14,599	8.6	7,193	4.2		
1942-43 ..	2,218	0.9	1,228	0.5	57,404	23.7	60,850	25.1	16,948	7.0	7,790	3.2		
1943-44 ..	2,315	1.0	1,722	0.7	69,998	29.2	74,035	30.9	22,915	9.5	8,519	3.5		
1944-45 ..	2,460	1.2	2,172	1.0	73,660	34.7	78,292	36.9	19,747	9.3	9,746	4.6		
1945-46 ..	3,103	1.8	4,180	2.4	65,253	36.8	72,536	41.0	19,964	11.3	7,555	4.3		
1946-47 ..	4,867	2.3	3,795	1.8	91,138	43.8	99,800	47.9	18,300	8.8	13,557	6.5		
1947-48† ..	8,729	2.6	3,469	1.0	148,343	43.9	160,541	47.5	28,536	8.4	24,703	7.3		
Monthly Totals.														
1946-47—														
May ..	649	2.8	338	1.5	10,778	46.4	11,765	50.7	2,006	8.6	1,229	5.3		
June ..	502	2.6	203	1.0	9,047	45.9	9,752	49.5	1,977	10.0	1,621	8.2		
1947-48†—														
July (a) ..	710	2.4	306	1.1	14,382	49.8	15,398	53.3	2,753	9.5	2,001	6.9		
August (a)	627	2.9	237	1.1	11,089	50.9	11,953	54.9	2,328	10.7	1,138	5.2		
September(a)	576	2.0	435	1.5	14,013	48.8	15,024	52.3	1,803	6.3	1,699	5.9		
October(a)	695	2.4	331	1.1	13,805	47.0	14,831	50.5	2,866	9.8	2,199	7.5		
November ..	410	1.7	346	1.5	10,560	44.9	11,316	48.1	2,006	8.5	2,597	11.0		
December ..	531	2.2	176	0.7	10,386	42.2	11,093	45.1	2,762	11.2	2,001	8.1		
January ..	646	2.3	320	1.1	12,518	44.3	13,484	47.7	2,013	7.1	2,544	9.0		
February ..	764	2.8	341	1.2	11,610	41.6	12,715	45.6	2,511	9.0	2,256	8.1		
March ..	706	2.3	143	0.5	11,610	38.5	12,459	41.3	2,553	8.5	2,719	9.0		
April ..	904	2.8	373	1.2	12,664	39.2	13,941	43.2	2,130	6.6	2,774	8.6		
May ..	1,088	3.5	234	0.7	12,904	41.1	14,226	45.3	2,452	7.8	1,222	3.9		
June ..	1,072	3.4	227	0.7	12,802	40.9	14,101	45.0	2,359	7.5	1,553	5.0		
1948-49†—														
July ..	1,102	3.1	437	1.2	13,819	38.8	15,358	43.1	3,769	10.6	2,592	7.3		
August ..	1,059	3.5	374	1.3	12,230	40.8	13,663	45.6	2,637	8.8	1,470	4.9		
September ..	1,310	3.6	351	0.9	17,438	47.4	19,099	51.9	2,797	7.6	2,002	5.4		
October ..	1,047	3.0	284	0.8	14,238	41.0	15,569	44.8	3,553	10.2	2,724	7.9		
November ..	1,115	3.7	323	1.1	12,109	40.2	13,547	45.0	2,364	7.9	1,865	6.2		
December ..	1,095	3.4	275	0.9	11,480	36.0	12,850	40.3	3,279	10.3	2,298	7.2		
January ..	1,068	3.4	342	1.1	12,098	38.6	13,508	43.1	2,537	8.1	2,012	6.4		
February ..	1,139	3.0	318	0.8	13,267	35.1	14,724	38.9	3,326	8.8	3,504	9.3		
March ..	1,353	3.6	247	0.7	15,089	40.2	16,689	44.5	3,105	8.3	2,679	7.1		
April ..	1,159	3.5	289	0.9	12,738	38.5	14,186	42.9	3,162	9.5	1,557	4.7		
May ..	1,455	3.8	273	0.7	14,947	38.8	16,675	43.3	3,232	8.4	1,920	5.0		

(a) Slightly overstated by reason of approximate method of conversion from British currency to Australian currency f.o.b.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANTISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

£A'000 F.O.B.

Period.	Capital Equipment.					Finished Consumers' Goods.								
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.	Total.					
		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.										
		Class IV.	Class V. B.	Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.	Class VI.					
Annual Totals.														
1936-37 ..	10,603	10.3	10,469	10.2	1,751	1.7	6,187	6.0	554	0.5	13,885	13.4	20,626	19.9
1937-38 ..	13,783	10.9	13,928	11.0	2,458	1.9	6,371	5.0	811	0.6	15,595	12.3	22,777	17.9
1938-39 ..	13,248	11.7	10,792	9.5	1,427	1.3	6,765	6.0	1,013	0.9	14,599	12.9	22,377	19.8
1941-42 ..	12,992	7.6	8,856	5.2	2,612	1.6	6,670	3.9	1,595	0.9	13,026	7.7	21,291	12.5
1942-43 ..	17,569	7.3	36,052	14.9	2,622	1.1	7,640	3.2	520	0.2	9,730	4.0	17,890	7.4
1943-44 ..	18,574	7.7	35,625	14.9	2,206	0.9	5,692	2.4	958	0.4	10,513	4.4	17,163	7.2
1944-45 ..	15,161	7.2	20,009	9.4	865	0.4	7,298	3.4	1,382	0.7	10,565	5.0	19,245	9.1
1945-46 ..	14,148	8.0	11,644	6.5	1,264	0.7	7,628	4.3	607	0.3	11,285	6.4	19,520	11.0
1946-47 ..	17,220	8.3	18,534	8.9	2,776	1.3	10,411	5.0	1,290	0.6	21,326	10.2	33,027	15.8
1947-48† ..	28,713	8.5	29,246	8.6	2,067	0.6	19,404	5.7	3,361	1.0	40,119	11.9	62,884	18.6
Monthly Totals.														
1946-47—														
May ..	1,897	8.2	1,955	8.4	173	0.7	1,467	6.3	151	0.7	2,231	9.6	3,849	16.6
June ..	1,644	8.4	1,098	5.6	351	1.8	1,184	6.0	127	0.6	1,574	8.0	2,885	14.6
1947-48†—														
July (a) ..	2,266	7.9	1,810	6.3	110	0.4	880	3.0	212	0.7	3,310	11.5	4,402	15.2
August (a)	1,893	8.7	1,489	6.8	71	0.3	497	2.3	137	0.6	2,153	9.9	2,787	12.8
Sept. (a) ..	2,090	7.3	2,043	7.1	229	0.8	2,393	8.3	190	0.7	3,001	10.5	5,584	19.5
October (a)	2,460	8.4	1,726	5.9	139	0.4	1,427	4.9	242	0.8	3,283	11.2	4,952	16.9
November ..	2,024	8.6	1,301	5.5	114	0.5	1,395	5.9	188	0.8	2,508	10.7	4,091	17.4
December ..	2,127	8.6	1,958	8.0	119	0.5	1,448	5.9	199	0.8	2,887	11.7	4,534	18.4
January ..	2,414	8.5	2,086	7.4	206	0.7	1,630	5.8	256	0.9	3,479	12.3	5,365	19.0
February ..	2,282	8.1	2,605	9.3	208	0.8	1,391	5.0	309	1.1	3,630	13.0	5,330	19.1
March ..	2,717	9.0	3,403	11.3	167	0.5	2,474	8.2	321	1.1	3,285	10.9	6,080	20.2
April ..	2,739	8.5	3,383	10.5	338	1.0	2,246	7.0	431	1.3	4,073	12.6	6,750	20.9
May ..	2,779	8.9	3,996	12.7	215	0.7	1,747	5.6	460	1.4	4,140	13.2	6,347	20.2
June ..	2,922	9.3	3,446	11.0	151	0.5	1,876	6.0	416	1.3	4,370	14.0	6,662	21.3
1948-49†—														
July ..	3,014	8.4	4,102	11.5	134	0.4	1,848	5.2	457	1.3	4,315	12.0	6,620	18.5
August ..	2,686	8.9	3,286	10.9	146	0.5	1,745	5.8	507	1.7	3,618	12.1	5,870	19.6
September ..	3,082	8.4	3,303	9.0	210	0.6	1,393	3.8	488	1.3	4,373	11.8	6,254	16.9
October ..	2,758	8.0	3,554	10.2	313	0.9	1,217	3.5	600	1.7	4,026	11.6	5,843	16.8
November ..	2,938	9.8	3,060	10.2	101	0.3	1,497	5.0	654	2.2	3,888	12.8	6,039	20.0
December ..	3,023	9.5	3,312	10.4	683	2.1	1,832	5.7	630	2.0	3,471	10.9	5,933	18.6
January ..	2,960	9.5	4,179	13.3	290	0.9	1,630	5.2	662	2.1	3,308	10.6	5,600	17.9
February ..	3,861	10.2	4,834	12.8	1,353	3.6	1,422	3.7	776	2.1	3,753	9.9	5,951	15.7
March ..	3,942	10.5	4,755	12.7	270	0.7	1,515	4.0	741	2.0	3,610	9.6	5,866	15.6
April ..	3,564	10.8	4,754	14.4	214	0.6	1,301	3.9	598	1.8	3,410	10.3	5,309	16.0
May ..	4,658	12.1	5,343	13.9	208	0.5	2,015	5.2	697	1.8	3,627	9.4	6,339	16.4

(a) See note (a) on page 12.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

£A'000 F.O.B.

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Annual Totals.										
1936-37	12,287	4,471	30,337	544	3,637	16,446	12,831	18,063	72,381	103,275
1937-38	14,890	5,384	38,661	571	3,605	18,601	15,461	21,549	90,366	127,376
1938-39	13,202	4,210	32,443	657	3,714	18,006	13,859	19,525	79,833	113,217
1941-42	12,367	11,291	43,783	680	4,929	15,681	13,047	33,661	123,558	170,266
1942-43	11,441	10,130	39,279	1,526	4,782	11,581	12,967	35,209	193,626	241,802
1943-44	16,245	7,806	49,984	841	3,819	12,502	17,086	39,069	183,278	239,433
1944-45	15,838	7,582	54,872	1,271	4,560	13,414	17,109	35,165	159,817	212,091
1945-46	21,719	7,575	43,241	905	5,812	12,803	22,624	36,568	117,904	177,096
1946-47	29,068	9,543	61,189	1,309	7,613	24,105	30,377	39,852	138,113	208,342
1947-48†	34,839	21,638	104,064	1,286	13,322	48,276	36,125	70,463	231,653	338,241
Monthly Totals.										
1946-47—										
May	3,157	999	7,610	148	1,073	2,628	3,305	4,646	15,277	23,228
June	2,962	1,167	5,622	130	877	1,879	3,092	4,379	12,227	19,698
1947-48†—										
July (a) ..	3,257	2,011	10,130	109	455	3,837	3,366	5,749	19,763	28,878
August (a) ..	2,619	1,629	7,705	53	220	2,514	2,672	4,631	14,476	21,779
September (a) ..	3,380	2,216	9,428	154	2,021	3,409	3,534	6,700	18,461	28,695
October (a) ..	2,849	2,058	9,924	115	1,091	3,746	2,964	6,559	19,842	29,365
November	2,025	1,381	7,910	29	1,177	2,885	2,054	5,037	16,456	23,547
December	2,219	1,579	7,295	84	1,050	3,400	2,303	5,884	16,429	24,616
January	2,701	2,089	8,694	125	1,062	4,178	2,826	5,803	19,642	28,271
February	2,665	1,574	8,476	124	867	4,339	2,789	5,537	19,589	27,915
March	3,478	1,785	7,196	137	1,892	4,052	3,615	6,782	19,769	30,166
April	3,324	1,414	9,203	107	1,547	5,096	3,431	5,756	23,084	32,271
May	3,418	1,713	9,095	167	963	5,217	3,585	5,853	21,977	31,415
June	2,904	2,189	9,008	82	977	5,603	2,986	6,172	22,165	31,323
1948-49†—										
July	3,437	2,294	9,627	111	960	5,549	3,548	7,738	24,386	35,672
August	3,230	2,042	8,391	228	798	4,844	3,458	6,143	20,383	29,984
September	4,347	2,956	11,796	87	598	5,569	4,434	6,989	25,409	36,832
October	3,862	2,343	9,364	129	528	5,186	3,991	7,043	23,693	34,727
November	2,995	1,825	8,727	114	820	5,105	3,109	5,691	21,299	30,099
December	3,020	1,458	8,372	145	1,171	4,617	3,165	6,567	22,152	31,884
January	2,394	2,223	8,891	68	1,167	4,365	2,462	6,747	22,117	31,326
February	3,018	1,901	9,806	106	844	5,001	3,124	6,947	27,742	37,813
March	3,314	2,440	10,935	116	856	4,895	3,430	7,238	26,858	37,526
April	3,041	1,779	9,366	174	542	4,593	3,215	6,230	23,660	33,105
May	4,029	1,718	10,927	167	1,237	4,936	4,196	7,037	27,321	38,554

(a) See note (a) on page 12.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

£A'000 F.O.B.

Period.		Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold).
Annual Totals.											
1936-37	..	62,505	24,352	8,802	3,707	10,332	7,302	4,818	2,060	1,980	148,490
1937-38	..	46,984	26,939	10,781	4,027	12,254	6,197	4,913	2,684	2,055	141,668
1938-39	..	42,737	13,275	12,892	4,178	11,780	4,104	4,276	2,865	2,023	122,543
1941-42	..	58,041	8,836	8,125	2,636	14,095	5,987	6,313	2,597	239	159,704
1942-43	..	44,318	8,379	8,568	1,001	10,897	3,716	3,446	2,277	191	122,971
1943-44	..	45,767	14,964	6,871	1,524	13,063	6,752	3,158	3,295	318	146,583
1944-45	..	49,387	16,484	8,250	1,854	14,108	6,602	5,558	3,571	318	155,123
1945-46	..	69,260	17,560	12,272	3,212	14,011	11,836	4,222	2,149	1,265	196,849
1946-47	..	126,800	29,013	12,570	2,819	21,136	15,473	10,904	2,462	1,553	308,932
1947-48†	..	150,240	85,403	19,018	3,164	22,496	12,382	13,791	2,563	3,893	407,230
Monthly Totals.											
1946-47—											
May	..	12,098	2,628	1,022	49	1,466	921	1,861	600	297	29,385
June	..	10,326	3,271	1,207	19	1,489	883	1,558	273	166	27,343
1947-48†—											
July	..	8,802	2,453	1,052	48	1,941	1,334	1,337	482	288	25,482
August	..	4,581	2,127	1,387	27	2,820	1,070	923	381	154	20,388
September	..	5,542	3,668	279	12	1,754	922	1,135	162	107	20,640
October	..	12,240	5,223	1,697	161	2,184	1,455	1,395	128	115	33,694
November	..	11,545	1,746	1,814	471	3,184	781	1,335	86	159	27,946
December	..	12,888	4,708	2,254	430	1,674	1,204	1,620	113	75	32,503
January	..	18,906	6,190	3,159	264	1,765	1,140	818	35	47	39,576
February	..	16,284	11,022	2,079	342	973	929	506	6	44	39,182
March	..	17,829	11,015	2,429	20	1,138	1,184	783	57	381	42,438
April	..	11,865	13,668	1,579	157	1,381	833	888	59	931	39,993
May	..	15,962	11,208	1,041	22	1,531	459	1,201	296	835	40,747
June	..	13,796	12,375	248	1,210	2,151	1,071	1,850	758	757	44,641
1948-49†—											
July	..	22,651	13,574	1,128	350	3,558	1,318	423	741	508	53,613
August	..	7,688	9,464	852	1,252	2,746	1,336	2,232	434	105	33,872
September	..	6,504	10,467	641	1,407	2,465	1,191	1,547	593	84	34,646
October	..	18,735	5,571	1,297	1,596	2,134	1,102	1,704	281	154	41,974
November	..	20,288	7,693	3,994	1,264	1,584	1,110	2,936	129	128	50,011
December	..	27,115	5,330	2,370	2,260	1,940	838	2,202	118	62	52,129
January	..	19,682	5,253	1,730	878	2,081	914	1,873	75	46	40,098
February	..	23,646	10,885	3,529	1,577	2,489	824	2,421	103	59	53,747
March	..	22,256	7,888	3,075	1,053	2,721	935	2,669	53	95	48,584
April	..	16,576	7,401	2,311	828	1,985	757	1,312	101	537	38,602
May	..	28,518	10,372	1,513	502	3,017	1,048	1,268	545	768	56,819

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute at present about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
(f)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	1,218	1,234	915	1,196	978	1,035	1,026	1,217	1,129	988	1,156	1,144
1937-38 ..	989	1,110	1,074	962	1,066	925	1,034	1,002	999	982	1,025	1,022
1938-39 ..	793	656	1,011	842	956	1,040	940	781	872	1,030	819	834
1941-42 ..	1,013	1,045	1,095	1,005	1,092	1,372	1,058	1,139	1,325	1,201	1,047	1,058
1942-43 ..	1,165	1,055	1,140	1,004	1,122	1,519	1,116	1,192	1,447	1,188	1,137	1,141
1943-44 ..	1,165	1,155	1,140	1,127	1,132	1,585	1,207	1,231	1,514	1,188	1,170	1,171
1944-45 ..	1,165	1,536	1,474	1,286	1,218	1,715	1,282	1,447	1,474	1,204	1,304	1,297
1945-46 ..	1,165	2,130	1,474	1,956	1,234	2,130	1,375	1,519	1,518	1,223	1,477	1,459
1946-47 ..	1,690	3,046	1,734	3,076	1,393	2,644	1,523	3,038	3,344	1,223	2,066	2,007
1947-48 ..	†2,901	4,192	1,935	3,723	1,464	3,203	1,566	3,607	3,643	1,223	†2,968	†2,847
1946-47—												
May ..	1,923	3,471	1,734	3,630	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,392	1,223	2,313	2,237
June ..	1,923	3,545	1,734	3,525	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,052	1,223	2,317	2,240
1947-48—												
July ..	1,923	3,676	1,734	3,515	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,221	1,223	2,340	2,263
August ..	2,376	3,790	1,734	3,493	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,366	1,223	2,583	2,488
September ..	2,451	3,861	1,734	3,523	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,366	1,223	2,636	2,536
October ..	2,564	3,815	1,734	3,584	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	2,693	2,591
November ..	2,866	3,829	2,035	3,557	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	2,879	2,764
December ..	g2,866	4,013	2,035	3,589	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	2,915	2,797
January ..	3,243	4,274	2,035	3,685	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	3,166	3,032
February ..	3,394	4,461	2,035	3,621	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	4,043	1,223	3,274	3,130
March ..	g3,168	4,558	2,035	3,789	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,873	1,223	3,191	3,054
April ..	†3,092	4,597	2,035	4,021	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,834	1,223	†3,178	†3,042
May ..	†3,281	4,719	2,035	4,055	1,554	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,652	1,223	†3,301	†3,157
June ..	†3,583	4,712	2,035	4,246	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,652	1,223	†3,462	†3,307
1948-49—	†										†	†
July ..	3,470	4,710	2,330	4,388	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,391	1,223	3,451	3,296
August ..	g3,470	4,609	2,330	4,427	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,365	1,223	3,436	3,281
September ..	3,545	4,480	2,330	4,380	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,417	1,223	3,446	3,291
October ..	3,281	4,414	2,330	4,728	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	3,847	1,223	3,350	3,200
November ..	3,658	h4,385	2,330	4,687	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,186	1,223	3,529	3,369
December ..	3,997	h4,340	2,330	4,805	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,199	1,223	3,696	3,524
January ..	3,997	h4,242	2,330	5,508	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,421	1,223	3,731	3,557
February ..	4,111	h4,218	2,330	5,513	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,711	1,223	3,776	3,598
March ..	g4,111	h4,218	2,330	5,347	1,757	3,402	1,707	4,172	4,682	1,223	3,784	3,605
April ..	3,319	h4,218	2,330	4,580	1,757	3,402	1,707	4,172	4,822	1,223	3,327	3,181
May ..	3,356	h4,218	2,330	4,524	1,757	3,402	1,707	4,172	4,812	1,223	3,346	3,197

(a) Non-ferrous—silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants.
(d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
(g) Nominal. (h) Nominal, pending adjustment to wheat values in accordance with the new contract with the United Kingdom.

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EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX: CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the preceding table, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price Level in corresponding months of preceding year = 1,000.)

Month.		<i>Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.</i>	<i>Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.</i>
1945-46—			
May	1,118	1,094	
June	1,113	1,096	
1946-47—			
July	1,107	1,107	
August	1,158	1,132	
September	1,320	1,191	
October	1,354	1,232	
November	1,387	1,262	
December	1,364	1,277	
January	1,424	1,299	
February	1,487	1,324	
March	1,513	1,346	
April	1,486	1,361	
May	1,493	1,375	
June	1,495	1,387	
1947-48—			
July	1,458	1,458	
August	1,607	1,535	
September	1,441	1,502	
October	1,433	1,480	
November	1,462	1,476	
December	1,462	1,474	
January	1,553	1,488	
February	1,551	1,497	
March	1,499	1,498	
April	†1,422	†1,489	
May	†1,487	†1,489	
June	†1,529	†1,493	
1948-49—			
July	†1,511	†1,511	
August	†1,302	†1,422	
September	†1,265	†1,375	
October	†1,244	†1,336	
November	†1,232	†1,309	
December	†1,299	†1,307	
January	†1,175	†1,282	
February	†1,135	†1,256	
March	†1,173	†1,244	
April	†1,021	†1,221	
May	† 995	†1,193	

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The construction of this new index has been made possible by the collection of new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of General Wholesale Prices. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total Basic Materials.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	994	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	1,014	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	992	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,329	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,487	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,527	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,522	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,490	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946-47 ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	1,313	1,802	1,488	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947-48 ..	1,460	1,607	2,833	1,478	1,262	1,899	1,655	1,531	1,924	1,447	1,587
1947-48—											
October ..	1,359	1,578	2,582	1,434	1,216	1,862	1,586	1,484	1,922	1,366	1,529
November ..	1,392	1,578	2,806	1,434	1,296	1,900	1,621	1,514	1,947	1,402	1,562
December ..	1,510	1,632	2,795	1,434	1,294	1,908	1,676	1,537	1,954	1,453	1,601
January ..	1,513	1,616	3,027	1,529	1,307	1,914	1,696	1,567	1,928	1,500	1,626
February ..	1,513	1,616	3,123	1,529	1,315	1,923	1,703	1,588	1,933	1,518	1,640
March ..	1,514	1,654	2,991	1,529	1,266	1,918	1,704	1,588	1,950	1,512	1,640
April ..	1,514	1,659	3,004	1,532	1,265	1,922	1,707	1,589	1,952	1,514	1,642
May ..	1,571	1,659	3,199	1,532	1,319	1,934	1,742	1,588	1,959	1,533	1,658
June ..	1,571	1,659	3,403	1,533	1,345	1,944	1,757	1,588	1,960	1,541	1,664
1948-49—											
July ..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,948	1,800	1,611	2,000	1,571	1,697
August ..	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,952	1,801	1,696	2,025	1,627	1,744
September ..	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,964	1,823	1,687	2,017	1,637	1,749
October ..	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,964	1,818	1,685	2,015	1,633	1,746
November ..	1,876	1,734	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,966	1,895	1,732	2,008	1,722	1,806
December ..	1,876	1,734	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,985	1,907	1,759	2,010	1,749	1,826
January ..	1,936	1,745	3,639	1,623	1,275	1,986	1,931	1,761	2,013	1,765	1,838
February ..	1,936	1,745	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,986	1,935	1,795	2,018	1,792	1,858
March ..	1,965	1,745	3,721	1,623	1,250	2,002	1,947	1,792	2,002	1,804	1,861
April ..	1,966	1,748	3,197	1,623	1,265	2,002	1,919	1,798	2,006	1,789	1,853
May ..	1,966	1,750	3,196	1,623	1,250	2,030	1,921	1,802	2,004	1,795	1,856

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Argen-	Aus-	Can.	France.	India.	New	South	Sweden.	United Kingdom.	U.S.A.	
	rine.	tralia.	ada.		Inst. Nat.	Economic	Zealand.	Africa.			
	Buenos	Common-	Dominion		Adviser to	Govern-	Census and	(b)	Board of	Econo-	Bureau of
	Aires.	wealth	Statistician.		the Gov-	ment	Statistics		Trade.	mist.	Labour
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1936-37 ..	991	984	1,014	..	1,045	960	971	(c) 1,007	998	1,051	1,039
1937-38 ..	1,045	1,005	1,051	(c) 1,000	997	1,019	1,025	(c) 976	1,044	1,024	1,013
1938-39 ..	964	1,011	935	(c) 1,050	958	1,021	1,004	(c) 1,017	958	925	948
1941-42 ..	1,595	1,242	1,184	(c) 2,010	1,415	1,334	1,296	(c) 1,671	1,531	1,441	1,163
1942-43 ..	1,845	1,373	1,228	(c) 2,340	1,894	1,448	1,450	(c) 1,732	1,576	1,502	1,247
1943-44 ..	1,927	1,396	1,286	(c) 2,650	2,320	1,517	1,534	(c) 1,732	1,603	1,523	1,271
1944-45 ..	2,017	1,405	1,294	(c) 3,750	2,404	1,540	1,554	(c) 1,711	1,638	1,566	1,289
1945-46 ..	2,080	1,412	1,321	4,900	2,441	1,567	1,585	1,666	1,673	1,610	1,325
1946-47 ..	2,263	1,429	1,462	8,160	2,782	1,561	1,640	1,694	1,776	1,814	1,710
1947-48 ..	2,429	1,587	1,796	13,320	(d) 3,274	1,730	1,741	1,825	2,032	2,055	†,1970
1947-48—											
May ..	2,544	1,658	1,890	16,530	3,669	1,812	1,758	1,893	2,154	2,153	2,014
June ..	2,607	1,664	1,913	16,910	3,810	1,818	1,829	1,903	2,170	2,172	2,042
1948-49—											
July ..	2,629	1,697	1,915	16,980	3,896	1,823	1,836	1,903	2,167	2,153	2,073
August ..	2,629	1,744	1,988	17,830	3,829	1,840	1,838	1,913	2,160	2,144	2,083
September ..		1,749	1,993	17,910	3,823	1,824	1,849	1,913	2,150	2,161	2,072
October ..		1,746	2,005	18,870	3,817	1,823	1,856	1,913	2,148	2,159	2,030
November ..		1,806	2,012	19,770	3,823	1,801	1,845	1,913	2,155	2,173	2,015
December ..		1,826	2,009	19,710	3,836	1,784	1,832	1,913	2,157	2,196	1,994
January ..		1,838	2,007	19,460	3,761	1,779	1,844	1,913	2,162	2,205	1,973
February ..		1,858	1,992	18,980	3,720	1,779	1,857	1,913	2,160	2,197	†,1943
March ..		1,861	1,985	18,720	3,702	1,779	1,860	1,903	2,155	2,193	†,1946
April ..		1,853	1,984	18,460	3,761	1,799	1,865	1,903	2,213	2,186	†,1932
May ..	..	1,856		18,920			1,881		2,260	2,231	†,1917

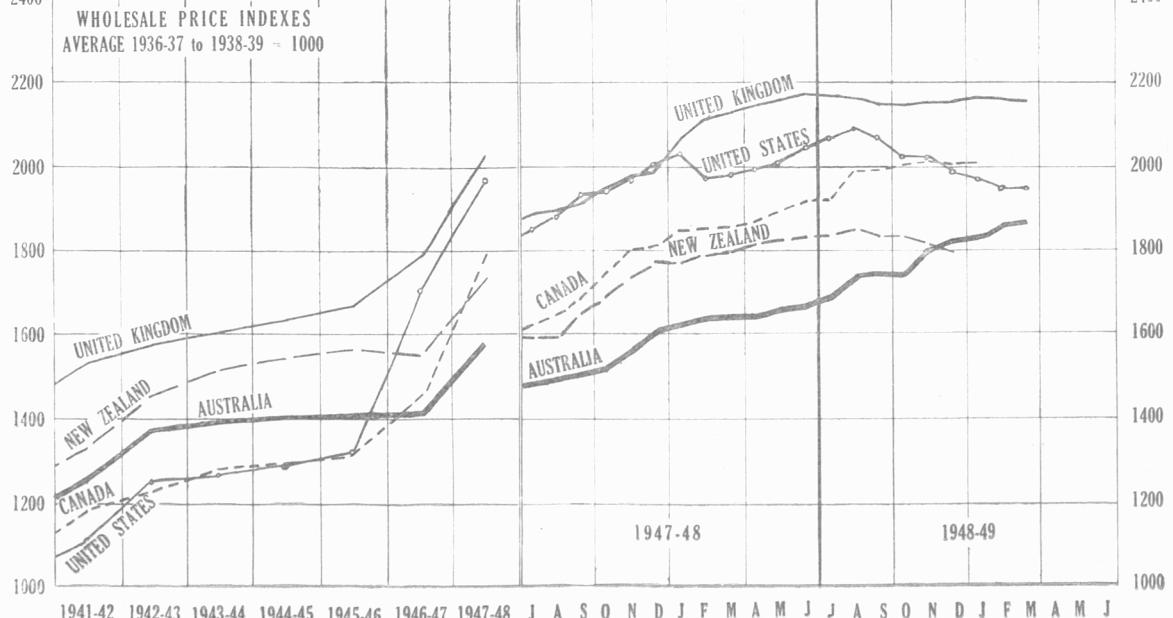
(a) Base : 1938 = 1,000. (b) Recomputed from the original base 1937 = 100, as published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations. Base : Average three years ended December, 1939 = 1,000. (c) Year ended December following.

(d) "Sensitive Series" prior to July, 1947; thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base year ended August 1939=1000.

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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the three sets of index-numbers given below, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the tables.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares. (a)						
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing. (b)
1936-37	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39	999	933	964	841	965	969	963
1941-42	963	834	740	820	873	871	894
1942-43	1,066	895	745	885	909	939	986
1943-44	1,136	1,023	834	931	948	1,020	1,059
1944-45	1,154	1,078	917	999	976	1,061	1,095
1945-46	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199
1946-47	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355
1947-48	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450
1946-47—							
May	1,580	1,675	1,111	1,187	1,461	1,420	1,441
June	1,586	1,693	1,099	1,176	1,495	1,425	1,440
1947-48—							
July	1,573	1,677	1,097	1,154	1,525	1,419	1,431
August	1,560	1,623	1,074	1,132	1,517	1,395	1,397
September	1,594	1,631	1,060	1,161	1,490	1,400	1,400
October	1,637	1,658	1,061	1,196	1,488	1,429	1,433
November	1,667	1,693	1,076	1,237	1,489	1,460	1,463
December	1,706	1,697	1,071	1,262	1,508	1,484	1,484
January	1,734	1,679	1,042	1,319	1,521	1,499	1,501
February	1,719	1,656	1,018	1,300	1,510	1,483	1,483
March	1,657	1,626	1,014	1,195	1,498	1,439	1,420
April	1,684	1,642	1,004	1,211	1,491	1,446	1,441
May	1,723	1,677	1,006	1,284	1,505	1,468	1,466
June	1,741	1,701	1,000	1,291	1,518	1,478	1,478
1948-49—							
July	1,744	1,714	987	1,274	1,526	1,478	1,482
August	1,734	1,702	975	1,264	1,547	1,469	1,469
September	1,726	1,682	976	1,269	1,547	1,459	1,461
October	1,703	1,677	979	1,240	1,563	1,449	1,445
November	1,704	1,660	973	1,259	1,582	1,449	1,444
December	1,688	1,602	974	1,242	1,607	1,433	1,419
January	1,703	1,574	973	1,253	1,635	1,433	1,427
February	1,690	1,569	945	1,267	1,673	1,426	1,412
March	1,656	1,534	932	1,242	1,731	1,406	1,387
April	1,626	1,527	907	1,176	1,740	1,384	1,354
May	1,636	1,507	896	1,218	1,751	1,388	1,357

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES—continued.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne Stock Exchange.(a)			Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	15 Preference Shares.	9 Bank Shares.	3 Silver-lead Shares.	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37	997	1,091	1,171	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,000	1,000	1,019	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	1,003	909	810	980	989	984
1941-42	912	737	608	991	815	910
1942-43	940	779	693	1,060	834	957
1943-44	1,072	828	766	1,173	933	1,062
1944-45	1,114	867	817	1,198	987	1,101
1945-46	1,127	933	897	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47	1,159	1,142	1,077	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48	1,197	1,154	1,381	1,625	1,386	1,515
1946-47—						
May..	1,174	1,268	1,188	1,538	1,339	1,447
June..	1,177	1,235	1,155	1,536	1,380	1,464
1947-48—						
July..	1,183	1,218	1,124	1,555	1,398	1,483
August	1,189	1,135	1,108	1,566	1,384	1,482
September	1,192	1,137	1,212	1,566	1,361	1,472
October	1,199	1,155	1,309	1,594	1,357	1,485
November	1,207	1,163	1,329	1,620	1,396	1,518
December	1,207	1,146	1,337	1,640	1,412	1,536
January	1,207	1,153	1,480	1,655	1,401	1,539
February	1,216	1,137	1,458	1,655	1,388	1,532
March	1,192	1,135	1,400	1,641	1,382	1,521
April	1,195	1,150	1,559	1,645	1,375	1,521
May..	1,191	1,161	1,648	1,676	1,385	1,542
June..	1,185	1,160	1,608	1,689	1,392	1,553
1948-49—						
July..	1,184	1,159	1,553	1,685	1,394	1,552
August	1,188	1,161	1,561	1,689	1,384	1,549
September	1,189	1,160	1,534	1,695	1,387	1,554
October	1,184	1,178	1,529	1,713	1,383	1,561
November	1,175	1,192	1,568	1,723	1,392	1,571
December	1,170	1,179	1,508	1,704	1,389	1,560
January	1,207	1,146	1,558	1,687	1,385	1,548
February	1,166	1,185	1,478	1,686	1,380	1,545
March	1,161	1,175	1,297	1,683	1,362	1,536
April..	1,159	1,170	1,236	1,660	1,315	1,502
May ..	1,151	1,173	1,154	1,651	1,309	1,494

(a) Compiled by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. The index-numbers of bank shares and silver-lead shares represent averages (weighted by paid-up capital, with adjustment in the case of bank shares) of the mean monthly prices on the Melbourne Stock Exchange. The preference share index-numbers are based on the reciprocals of average yields. Recomputed from original base, May, 1926.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes: Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes: Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous All Items ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1936-37	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1942-43	1,203	1,054	1,143	1,713	1,188	1,267	1,288	1,017
1943-44	1,172	1,054	1,124	1,757	1,215	1,270	1,329	1,046
1944-45	1,179	1,053	1,129	1,746	1,211	1,270	1,333	1,050
1945-46	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051
1946-47	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,393	1,565	1,123
1948-49	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1946-47—								
April	1,240	1,054	1,168	1,875	1,234	1,324	1,454	1,098
May	1,244							
June	1,251							
1947-48—								
July	1,262	1,055	1,179	1,914	1,264	1,344	1,503	1,118
August	1,264							
September	1,263	1,055	1,203	2,004	1,268	1,377	1,537	1,116
October	1,280							
November	1,292	1,055	1,239	2,031	1,283	1,407	1,589	1,129
December	1,335							
January	1,340	1,056	1,266	2,103	1,301	1,441	1,631	1,132
February	1,368							
March	1,376	1,057	1,296	2,174	1,325	1,479	1,697	1,147
April	1,381							
May	1,403	1,057	1,334	2,222	1,331	1,512	1,743	1,153
June	1,436							
1948-49—								
July	1,451	1,057	1,355	2,260	1,359	1,538	†1,771	†1,151
August	1,455							
September	1,467	1,059	1,374	2,400	1,381	1,582	†1,818	†1,149
October	1,501							
November	1,521	1,058	1,395	2,450	1,400	1,600	†1,860	†1,240
December	1,545							
January	1,548	1,059	1,415	2,500	1,415	1,615	†1,865	†1,245
February	1,559							
March	1,564	1,059	1,435	2,550	1,435	1,625	†1,870	†1,250
April	1,582							
May	1,589	1,059	1,455	2,600	1,455	1,635	†1,875	†1,255
June	1,594							

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by All Items ("C" Series) Retail Price index-number.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1948 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,432	1,409	1,345	1,383	1,377	1,398	1,407
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,618	1,597	1,550	1,534	1,568	1,557	1,589
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,130	1,133	1,152	1,109	1,139	1,114	1,129
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	881	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	114/-	113/-	107/-	108/-	107/-	110/-	111/-
State	(b) 114/-	(c)	(d) 111/-	(d) 106/-	(d) 112/9	(c)	..
1948 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,472	1,435	1,384	1,423	1,396	1,439	1,441
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,662	1,635	1,601	1,570	1,606	1,599	1,631
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,129	1,139	1,157	1,103	1,150	1,111	1,132
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	881	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (e)	116/-	115/-	110/-	111/-	110/-	112/-	114/-
State	(e) 116/-	(c)	(f) 114/-	(g) 106/-	(g) 115/9	(c)	..
1948 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,508	1,476	1,411	1,458	1,446	1,474	1,479
Nominal weekly wage (a)* ..	1,733	1,685	1,654	1,677	1,682	1,675	1,697
"Real" .. (a)* ..	1,149	1,142	1,172	1,150	1,163	1,136	1,147
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	881	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h)	120/-	117/-	113/-	114/-	112/-	115/-	116/-
State	(h) 120/-	(c)	(i) 117/-	(j) 117/-	(k) 117/5	(c)	..
1948 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,533	1,517	1,456	1,497	1,484	1,516	1,512
Nominal weekly wage (a)* ..	1,781	1,733	1,687	1,713	1,745	1,707	1,743
"Real" .. (a)* ..	1,162	1,142	1,159	1,144	1,176	1,126	1,153
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	881	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (l)	122/-	120/-	115/-	116/-	116/-	118/-	119/-
State	(l) 122/-	(c)	(m) 119/-	(n) 117/-	(l) 121/7	(c)	..
1949 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,569	1,537	1,460	1,519	1,509	1,555	1,538
Nominal weekly wage (a)† ..	1,802	1,766	1,722	1,732	1,778	*1,743	*1,771
"Real" .. (a)† ..	1,149	1,149	1,179	1,140	1,178	*1,120	1,151
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	881	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage(b)	124/-	123/-	118/-	119/-	118/-	121/-	122/-
State	(b) 124/-	(c)	(n) 122/-	(o) 117/-	(o) 124/9	(c)	..
1949 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,607	1,581	1,509	1,553	1,586	1,592	1,582
Nominal weekly wage (a)† ..	1,843	1,811	1,781	1,805	1,811	1,789	1,818
"Real" .. (a)† ..	1,147	1,145	1,180	1,162	1,142	1,124	1,149
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	881	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage(e)	127/-	125/-	119/-	121/-	120/-	124/-	124/-
State	(e) 127/-	(c)	(p) 123/-	(q) 125/-	(p) 127/1	(c)	..

(a) Weighted average Six Capitals or Six States averages 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from 1st February.
 (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 2nd February. (e) Payable as from 1st May. (f) Payable as from 19th April. (g) Payable as from 26th April. (h) Payable as from 1st August.
 (i) Payable as from 2nd August. (j) Payable as from 8th July. (k) Payable as from 26th July. (l) Payable as from 1st November. (m) Payable as from 21st October. (n) Payable as from 19th January. (o) Payable as from 9th February.
 (p) Payable as from 2nd May. (q) Payable as from 19th May.

For meaning of symbols *, †, .. see page 1.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,064
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1941-42	1,029	1,158	1,075	1,098	1,176	1,225	1,107
1942-43	1,185	1,273	1,175	1,225	1,249	1,199	1,225
1943-44	1,331	1,327	1,213	1,307	1,298	1,199	1,303
1944-45	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,205	1,399
1945-46	1,582	1,331	1,240	1,401	1,493	1,227	1,404
1946-47	1,786	1,786	1,313	1,697	1,752	1,234	1,689
1947-48†	2,295	2,628	1,427	2,283	1,827	1,234	2,215
1947-48—†							
May	2,579	2,884	1,496	2,513	2,151	1,234	2,440
June	2,579	3,081	1,508	2,605	2,162	1,234	2,522
1948-49—†							
July	2,592	3,007	1,610	2,596	2,184	1,234	2,514
August	2,596	3,054	1,731	2,642	2,269	1,234	2,536
September	2,596	3,102	1,731	2,664	2,316	1,234	2,556
October	2,592	2,931	1,753	2,588	2,409	1,234	2,491
November	2,590	3,218	1,753	2,719	2,469	1,234	2,609
December	2,316	3,439	1,796	2,732	2,467	1,234	2,622
January	2,331	3,439	1,791	2,736	2,929	1,234	2,648
February	2,356	3,513	1,854	2,791	2,954	1,234	2,704
March	2,377	3,513	1,852	2,798	2,954	1,234	2,714
April	2,381	2,996	1,862	2,566	2,987	1,234	2,515
May	2,360	3,021	1,863	2,570	3,015	1,234	2,524
1st 11 months, 1947-48†	2,270	2,587	1,419	2,253	(b) 2,110	1,234	2,187
1st 11 months, 1948-49†	2,462	3,203	1,781	2,673	(c) 2,968	1,234	2,585

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) First five months, 1948.

(c) First five months, 1949.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : All Items Index "C" Series.	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.		
1936-37	1,064	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38	1,015	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1942-43	1,225	1,141	1,760	1,212	1,373	1,267	939
1943-44	1,303	1,171	1,824	1,217	1,396	1,270	1,020
1944-45	1,399	1,297	1,819	1,232	1,405	1,270	1,061
1945-46	1,404	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47	1,689	2,007	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48	(b) 2,215	† 2,847	1,924	1,447	1,587	1,393	1,450
1948-49						1,528	
1946-47—							
April .. ..	..	2,228	1,797	1,317	1,459	} 1,324	1,408
May .. ..	..	2,237	1,804	1,321	1,463		1,420
June .. ..	..	2,240	1,817	1,327	1,471		1,425
1947-48—	(b)						
July	1,801	2,263	1,831	1,336	1,482	} 1,344	1,419
August	1,917	2,488	1,857	1,341	1,493		1,395
September	1,942	2,536	1,890	1,351	1,509		1,400
October	1,984	2,591	1,922	1,366	1,529		1,429
November	2,082	2,764	1,947	1,402	1,562		1,460
December	2,297	2,797	1,954	1,453	1,601		1,484
January	2,400	3,032	1,928	1,500	1,626		1,499
February	2,443	3,130	1,933	1,518	1,640		1,483
March	2,388	3,054	1,950	1,512	1,640		1,439
April	2,367	† 3,042	1,952	1,514	1,642		1,446
May	2,440	† 3,157	1,959	1,533	1,658	} 1,441	1,468
June	2,522	† 3,307	1,960	1,541	1,664		1,478
1948-49—		†					
July	2,514	3,296	2,000	1,571	1,697	} 1,479	1,478
August	2,536	3,281	2,025	1,627	1,744		1,469
September	2,556	3,291	2,017	1,637	1,749		1,459
October	2,491	3,200	2,015	1,633	1,746		1,449
November	2,609	3,369	2,008	1,722	1,806		1,449
December	2,622	3,524	2,010	1,749	1,826		1,433
January	2,648	3,557	2,013	1,765	1,838		1,433
February	2,704	3,598	2,018	1,792	1,858	} 1,538	1,426
March	2,714	3,605	2,002	1,804	1,861		1,406
April	2,515	3,181	2,006	1,789	1,853		1,384
May	2,524	3,197	2,004	1,795	1,856		1,388

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 24.

For meaning of symbols ... † see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
£'000.

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Govern- ment.	Private.		Govern- ment. (a)	Private.		Govern- ment.	Private.	
		Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common- wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37		(b) 1,986	(c) 627	..	848	416	..	667	62
1937-38		(b) 2,307	(c) 764	..	1,093	506	..	669	78
1938-39 408		(b) 2,353	(c) 755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1941-42 1,281		(b) 1,128	425	459	498	280	397	343	25
1942-43 1,312		(b) 272	98	471	117	40	292	77	4
1943-44 909		(b) 299	92	250	114	52	209	86	10
1944-45 1,024		(b) 520	207	426	183	122*	291	132	10
1945-46 1,057		(b) 2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47 1,248		4,084	(d) 1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48 2,003		4,687	(e) 3,151	1,044	1,705	(f) 1,985	545	1,650	126
 1946-47—									
December Qtr. ..	1,270	4,055	1,852	576	1,780	1,179	457	1,113	80
March	1,281	4,105	1,928	775	1,732	1,279	194	1,307	101
June	1,214	4,184	2,204	519	1,721	1,417	420	1,291	99
 1947-48—									
September	1,501	4,902	(e) 3,154	770	1,819	(f) 1,958	348	1,655	118
December	1,846	4,491	2,834	757	1,477	1,736	657	1,713	112
March	2,367	4,116	2,872	1,383	1,589	1,787	612	1,359	97
June	2,307	5,238	3,745	1,267	1,937	2,461	563	1,871	177
 1948-49—									
September	2,176	5,358	3,806	1,093	2,037	2,373	661	1,608	202
December	1,934	4,938	3,532	1,038	1,969	2,328	559	1,400	156
March		5,869	3,807	745	2,142	2,359		2,007	237
Monthly Totals.									
1948-49—									
March		7,220	..	..	2,640	2,951	..	2,142	..
April		*5,709	..	..	2,146	2,337	..	*1,965	..
May		6,801	..	..	2,463	..	..	2,452	..

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (c) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (d) See E and F, page 27. (e) See A, below and C, page 27. (f) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown, Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbols *, .., — see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
£'000.

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b) Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. Common- wealth and State.	Private.(a)	
		Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.		Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.		Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.		Hobart and Sub- urbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
M o n t h l y A v e r a g e s .												
1936-37	..	153	98	..	118	32	..	168	..	..	32	19
1937-38	..	167	114	..	173	48	..	174	..	..	31	18
1938-39	..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	..	20	16
1941-42	..	150	90	57	188	109	45	77	68	7	10	20
1942-43	..	315	10	5	102	49	43	110	14	1	22	5
1943-44	..	371	16	8	19	58	17	55	20	2	5	5
1944-45	..	203	62	35	34	80	26	52	50	7	18	13
1945-46	..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	16
1946-47	..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d)100
1947-48	..	141	557	(f)692	128	418	91	113	238	60	32	119
1946-47—												
December	Qtr.	90	526	275	49	335	134	42	208	54	56	93
March	"	70	401	268	83	384	91	145	170	59	14	111
June	"	118	517	336	58	348	115	69	182	68	30	125
1947-48—												
September	"	116	555	(f)726	125	480	79	101	239	75	41	154
December	"	107	588	668	159	368	93	144	222	67	22	123
March	"	159	480	662	103	399	91	101	192	48	9	97
June	"	181	605	712	124	425	102	116	297	48	56	103
1948-49—												
September	"	114	584	740	97	592	119	128	387	72	83	150
December	"	143	609	646	88	461	131	89	347	71	17	152
March	"	79	604	779	90	593	117	206	336	67	28	187
M o n t h l y T o t a l s .												
1948-49—												
March	..	750	850	..	882	..	..	515	76	..	291	266
April	..	630	732	..	526	..	..	226	59	..	216	255
May	..	745	..	..	566	..	..	361	98	..	214	353

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946 includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbols ... * — see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities, Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a) page 27.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value. £'000.	Number.	Value. £'000.	Number.	Value. £'000.		
		Monthly		Monthly		Averages.		£'000.
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1941-42 (a) ..	807	797	43	115	850	912	216	1,128
1942-43 (a) ..	38	22	35	93	73	115	157	272
1943-44 (a) ..	62	33	34	83	96	116	183	299
1944-45 (a) ..	285	213	48	80	333	293	227	520
1945-46 (a) ..	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1946-47—					Monthly	Totals.		
May ..	2,464	3,409	132	334	2,596	3,743	494	4,237
June ..	2,372	3,390	132	539	2,504	3,929	539	4,468
1947-48—								
July ..	2,481	3,588	130	621	2,611	4,209	623	4,832
August ..	2,588	3,790	132	371	2,720	4,161	545	4,706
September ..	2,525	3,849	136	718	2,661	4,567	602	5,169
October ..	2,666	3,856	162	328	2,828	4,184	430	4,614
November ..	2,249	3,305	114	595	2,363	3,900	670	4,570
December ..	2,045	3,144	120	475	2,165	3,619	665	4,284
January ..	1,778	2,786	102	350	1,880	3,136	505	3,641
February ..	1,932	2,973	121	325	2,053	3,298	715	4,013
March ..	2,307	3,578	118	409	2,425	3,987	708	4,695
April ..	2,875	4,707	118	279	2,993	4,986	465	5,451
May ..	2,652	4,343	125	601	2,777	4,944	586	5,530
June ..	2,472	3,861	110	367	2,582	4,228	506	4,734
1948-49—								
July ..	2,669	4,322	134	514	2,803	4,836	746	5,582
August ..	2,563	4,238	126	346	2,689	4,584	642	5,226
September ..	2,338	3,991	99	406	2,437	4,397	867	5,264
October ..	2,336	3,903	102	288	2,438	4,191	576	4,767
November ..	2,533	4,201	112	377	2,645	4,578	631	5,209
December ..	2,163	3,719	84	622	2,247	4,341	496	4,837
January ..	2,134	3,611	67	534	2,201	4,145	751	4,896
February ..	2,526	4,447	79	563	2,605	5,010	480	5,490
March ..	3,485	5,906	119	411	3,604	6,317	903	7,220
April ..	2,620	4,548	110	*339	2,730	*4,887	822	*5,709
May ..	3,220	5,719	168	399	3,388	6,118	683	6,801

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

For meaning of symbol * see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS.

This and the following tables give particulars, on a monthly basis, of the quantity of production of certain items at present available. Efforts are being made to extend the field of monthly production statistics.

Period	Wheaten Flour.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).		Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a).						
		Butter.	Cheese.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pork.	Bacon and Ham. (b)	Total in Terms of Fresh Meat.	
				Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37	..	102,398	13,908	1,636	45,939	16,006	9,937	3,601	2,741	79,594
1937-38	..	104,244	15,242	2,018	49,733	17,196	9,915	3,234	2,617	84,002
1938-39	..	114,394	16,232	2,415	46,601	17,146	9,545	3,086	2,770	80,533
1941-42	..	93,933	13,397	2,504	44,459	19,463	11,514	4,841	3,539	85,584
1942-43	..	82,947	13,696	2,998	44,539	20,233	14,196	3,251	3,900	88,069
1943-44	..	113,208	12,569	2,971	41,723	22,949	12,779	3,790	3,810	86,957
1944-45	..	117,739	11,431	2,872	38,426	21,435	11,514	3,549	4,687	81,960
1945-46	..	101,570	12,131	3,414	33,887	16,482	7,738	2,927	4,049	67,108
1946-47	..	124,138	11,568	3,518	40,647	15,214	10,002	2,502	3,972	73,767
1947-48†	..	*128,367	13,108	3,434	46,760	13,891	10,687	2,201	3,661	78,517
Monthly Totals.										
1946-47—										
May	..	133,933	9,209	2,608	51,529	13,088	7,582	2,670	3,995	80,302
June	..	118,778	8,003	2,347	56,110	13,291	9,067	2,380	3,725	85,914
1947-48—							†	†	†	
July	..	124,145	7,802	2,379	62,161	14,373	9,324	2,298	3,701	93,192
August	..	121,012	8,874	3,031	54,353	13,457	8,744	1,960	3,587	83,392
September	..	119,563	12,788	4,239	45,071	13,738	12,571	1,942	3,715	78,374
October	..	122,844	17,258	5,683	38,825	14,285	20,793	1,942	3,677	80,846
November	..	120,235	17,408	5,740	37,385	14,153	18,723	1,971	3,428	76,895
December	..	113,413	20,578	5,323	38,121	14,837	15,928	2,669	4,483	77,652
January	..	125,312	19,312	4,443	34,882	14,122	8,076	1,786	3,174	63,184
February	..	130,444	13,773	2,845	35,907	14,788	7,071	2,008	3,451	64,467
March	..	138,289	13,461	2,409	36,329	14,295	7,360	2,578	3,698	65,591
April	..	134,307	10,073	1,679	50,926	13,793	7,044	2,805	3,576	79,431
May	..	149,722	8,610	1,769	62,932	12,673	6,038	2,454	3,731	89,171
June	..	141,119	7,357	1,671	64,224	12,179	6,569	1,991	3,708	90,006
1948-49—										
July	153,393	7,900	2,055	62,010	12,172	6,970	2,670	3,515	88,602
August	..	154,726	10,422	3,115	53,531	12,749	8,555	2,390	3,540	82,039
September	..	146,408	13,345	4,608	44,562	13,125	12,288	2,313	3,525	77,082
October	..	141,627	17,487	5,956	42,346	13,262	16,697	2,458	3,278	79,221
November	..	136,637	18,177	5,821	44,705	16,033	14,866	3,071	3,609	83,583
December	..	124,183	18,491	5,333	40,270	17,544	18,517	4,256	3,850	85,823
January	..	132,267	17,112	4,320	37,250	18,168	13,338	*2,878	2,625	*75,201
February	..	122,908	14,257	3,002	*39,191	20,654	10,308	2,967	2,771	*76,886
March	..	133,270	15,390	3,175	34,588	16,371	7,980	3,169	3,204	66,463
April	..	117,362	12,163	2,452	44,001	12,576	8,257	3,579	3,092	72,618
May	..	134,032	9,151	2,166	54,437	13,336	9,294	3,291	3,381	84,957

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Cured Weight.

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.						Cooking Stoves.		
	Bricks.	Terra-cotta Roofing Tiles.	Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)
	'000. '000.	'000. sq. yds. (d)	'000 sq. yds.	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37	..	53,068	2,630	522	53.6	60.0	567	..	..
1937-38	..	57,403	3,023	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481
1938-39	..	60,046	3,307	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894
1941-42	..	45,144	2,564	1,179	76.1	74.2	434	4,088	3,826
1942-43	..	15,494	327	1,232	72.5	60.9	132	3,248	1,657
1943-44	..	8,996	254	1,419	72.3	57.7	137	2,851	1,315
1944-45	..	12,615	767	1,205	70.2	57.8	202	3,146	1,487
1945-46	..	25,437	1,961	1,322	74.6	60.3	451	3,864	1,839
1946-47	..	41,439	3,118	1,610	87.5	73.5	755	3,629	2,264
1947-48†	..	48,121	3,462	1,566	(f) 91.5	82.4	(f) 925	4,561	3,483
Monthly Totals.									
1946-47—									
April	..	44,209	3,185	1,587	(f)	79.7	70.1	883	3,034
May	..	47,490	3,256	1,791	99.7	80.2	904	3,341	2,439
June	..	46,448	3,171	1,536	91.7	82.8	782	4,188	2,609
1947-48 —									
July	..	52,841	3,628	1,903	95.9	92.4	935	4,968	3,539
August	..	50,075	3,632	1,682	93.4	90.3	889	4,494	3,454
September	..	52,989	3,770	1,772	100.9	91.7	854	4,756	3,614
October	..	53,408	3,861	1,957	103.6	93.5	1,002	4,688	3,904
November	..	49,161	3,568	1,719	99.0	93.8	935	3,898	2,640
December	..	38,372	2,696	1,085	80.6	63.0	700	3,862	3,499
January	..	32,216	2,611	1,124	68.7	52.6	741	3,578	2,065
February	..	46,075	3,320	1,500	89.8	74.4	902	4,472	3,265
March	..	50,611	3,658	1,432	92.3	80.9	1,006	4,686	3,290
April	..	49,622	3,531	1,463	91.6	83.1	1,035	4,961	4,007
May	..	50,507	3,540	1,595	90.3	86.2	1,031	5,053	4,261
June	..	51,569	3,723	1,544	92.5	86.4	1,069	5,310	4,254
1948-49†—									
July	..	52,352	3,778	1,702	98.5	88.5	1,092	5,652	4,655
August	..	57,033	4,002	1,490	102.4	94.2	1,119	5,603	5,200
September	..	59,145	4,248	1,806	109.3	95.8	1,174	5,682	4,453
October	..	54,307	4,012	1,720	108.0	90.6	1,088	5,184	4,207
November	..	55,856	4,107	1,523	108.7	88.6	1,147	5,132	4,458
December	..	49,909	3,525	1,315	100.8	76.7	944	4,298	4,121
January	..	34,991	2,601	1,237	78.3	46.5	835	3,009	3,079
February	..	50,708	3,803	1,493	95.5	85.9	1,066	4,534	4,409
March	..	55,691	3,898	1,607	102.8	96.6	*1,150	4,768	4,961
April	..	49,005	3,520	1,381	88.6	86.0	1,014	4,597	4,165
									3,315

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1946-47—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) Average of six months' production. (f) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols . . , * , † — see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES—*continued.*

Period.	Basins.		Sinks.			Baths, Cast Iron Porcelain Enamel.	Pedestal Pans, Earthen- ware.	Heating Appliances.			
	Cast Iron Porcelain Enamel.	Earthen- ware.	Cast Iron Porcelain Enamel.	Earthen- ware.	Stainless Steel.			Coppers.		Bath Heaters.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.											
1946-47† ..	2,860	1,977	3,292	212	..	3,696	6,283	6,816	2,205	6,052	2,830
1947-48† ..	3,940	2,242	3,455	200	5,799	4,605	6,317	6,925	2,753	5,091	3,147
Monthly Totals.											
1946-47†—											
April ..	2,322	1,865	2,876	213	..	2,850	6,626	6,446	2,456	7,332	3,313
May ..	3,089	2,062	3,259	198	..	2,808	7,307	4,247	2,975	7,129	3,748
June ..	3,862	1,927	4,072	224	..	4,402	6,422	6,324	3,063	7,543	3,451
1947-48†											
July ..	4,630	2,579	3,821	222	5,821	5,304	7,159	6,220	3,262	6,077	3,895
August ..	4,044	2,217	3,290	253	5,379	4,531	6,961	7,207	2,971	6,449	3,122
September ..	3,315	2,818	3,119	217	5,604	4,440	7,445	7,041	3,101	6,235	4,411
October ..	2,830	2,564	2,844	239	6,301	4,623	6,676	6,442	3,183	4,072	3,437
November ..	4,265	2,283	3,759	153	5,499	4,329	6,335	5,454	1,927	4,871	3,007
December ..	2,702	1,646	2,803	197	5,337	2,284	4,989	4,114	1,458	3,498	2,930
January ..	3,198	1,537	2,818	160	4,601	3,086	4,780	3,576	1,402	3,459	2,050
February ..	4,063	1,895	3,166	206	6,104	4,195	5,037	6,380	2,683	4,786	2,454
March ..	4,939	2,568	3,947	220	7,118	5,440	6,329	7,577	3,205	5,172	2,113
April ..	4,537	2,050	4,275	215	6,100	5,763	6,629	11,142	2,825	5,356	3,995
May ..	3,601	2,364	3,568	189	5,928	5,343	6,590	8,519	3,692	5,912	2,944
June ..	5,152	2,380	4,051	133	5,797	5,925	6,870	9,354	3,325	5,199	3,411
1948-49†—											
July ..	4,340	2,002	4,126	139	7,133	5,787	6,932	6,688	3,661	6,788	4,617
August ..	5,230	2,215	3,845	151	6,975	4,974	7,998	9,980	2,899	7,381	3,643
September ..	6,081	2,536	3,543	155	6,459	6,158	8,281	6,834	4,997	6,847	2,724
October ..	4,972	1,980	2,794	126	5,590	6,234	7,382	7,847	4,017	5,166	2,826
November ..	4,090	2,585	2,567	110	5,937	5,220	7,703	9,441	3,704	4,514	1,730
December ..	4,816	1,767	2,812	55	4,552	5,161	5,432	7,949	2,774	4,171	1,524
January ..	3,802	1,989	3,221	59	3,836	3,718	5,019	5,389	1,937	2,410	1,024
February ..	4,168	2,629	2,785	130	5,412	5,040	6,686	5,621	3,607	3,639	1,352
March ..	3,954	2,410	3,226	74	6,457	5,993	8,424	9,386	4,114	4,549	1,981
April ..	3,533	1,792	2,456	95	5,213	5,044	6,802	9,260	3,348	4,496	1,650

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Black Coal Produced. '000 tons.	Metals.						Gas Produced— New South Wales. Million cu. ft.	Total Electricity Generated. Million kwh.	
		Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel. (a)	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined including Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)	Gold Produced.			
		Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Fine oz.			
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37	..	946	76,117	89,457	5,840	17,562	1,280	108,173	865	331
1937-38	..	959	77,473	96,590	5,810	18,797	1,437	123,274	890	363
1938-39	..	1,016	92,050	97,509	5,819	19,416	1,457	134,160	908	391
1942-43	..	1,210	116,609	135,486	6,417	17,902	1,878	77,543	1,167	554
1943-44	..	1,149	108,780	126,957	6,717	14,323	1,682	56,769	1,213	556
1944-45	..	1,152	93,142	112,136	6,612	12,933	1,683	54,432	1,244	570
1945-46	..	1,055	75,524	87,874	6,705	12,797	1,725	57,418	1,275	576
1946-47	..	1,181	95,261	109,595	5,859	14,141	1,822	76,559	1,395	627
1947-48	..	+1,228	*102,525	*106,543	6,203	14,522	1,294	*75,455	1,508	697
1948-49	..		86,273	89,675	6,908					
1946-47—	(c) June	Monthly Totals.								
		1,335	93,653	96,276	5,648	14,052	2,794	80,889	1,589	..
1947-48—	July August September October November December January February March April May June	Monthly Totals.								
			†	†	†	†	†			
		1,394	106,940	104,179	5,938	16,532	984	114,398	1,736	747
		1,396	111,256	117,213	6,087	16,344	2,321	77,208	1,703	722
		1,375	103,824	115,396	5,715	14,963	2,055	77,058	1,579	689
		1,442	98,374	107,162	6,001	15,539	1,217	77,731	1,513	700
		1,482	98,358	105,999	5,778	13,073	1,564	75,409	1,467	660
		900	108,139	110,360	6,272	11,887	1,219	80,243	1,449	638
		†						*		
		724	103,464	102,750	6,581	12,045	1,026	69,559	1,296	622
		1,142	98,626	96,687	6,209	11,787	1,182	55,607	1,298	642
		1,113	105,667	97,709	6,672	13,417	608	64,764	1,448	691
		1,284	102,887	105,519	6,440	15,064	1,595	62,487	1,498	706
		1,272	105,613	113,860	6,639	17,004	813	69,732	1,488	763
		1,210	*87,150	*101,687	6,102	16,610	983	81,266	1,618	786
1948-49—	July August September October November December January February March April May June	Monthly Totals.								
		*	*	*	*	*	*			
		1,389	84,711	90,779	7,201	18,810	1,249	108,329	1,539	807
		1,439	91,989	101,091	7,274	18,326	682	75,758	1,663	775
		1,413	100,461	102,393	6,936	17,528	812	*71,068	1,586	752
		1,234	89,905	84,797	7,297	18,570	599	74,113	1,518	752
		1,375	69,529	61,761	7,090	17,738	819	78,191	1,449	735
		1,226	97,028	99,157	6,903	13,326	1,242	80,223	1,441	710
		758	83,748	82,897	6,418	15,216	429	+69,106	1,422	680
		1,212	84,619	93,832	6,089	16,699	1,480	+67,282	1,328	695
		1,382	93,296	97,326	6,678	16,780	623	+68,506	1,531	784
		*1,207	80,885	86,687	6,834			+69,272	1,536	741
		1,465	89,802	107,881	7,217			+67,122	1,730	
		69,298	67,501	6,962						

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.
(c) Source : Joint Coal Board.

(b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association.

For meaning of symbols ... * † see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Recomputed from the original base 1937 = 100, as published in the *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : Average 3 years 1937 to 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France. (a)	Japan.	Nether- lands. (b)	Norway.	Poland. (c)	Sweden.	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A.
1937 ..	112	101	98	100	93	96	98	..	97	..	109
1938 ..	91	96	98	92	99	97	98	100	98	..	86
1939 ..	97	102	105	..	108	107	104	..	106	..	105
1942 ..	..	174	84	51	108	69	81	..	100	..	192
1943 ..	..	187	86	47	102	62	79	..	105	..	231
1944 ..	..	187	85	30	87	41	75	..	111	..	227
1945 ..	..	165	72	39	35	30	68	(e) 48	109	..	196
1946(f) ..	(g) 83	152	82	(g) 73	(h) 15	(i) 55	83	68	131	(g) 100	163
1947(f) ..	91	157	101	(g) 87	21	83	106	104	132	108	177
1948(f) ..	100	167	121	95	26	101	119	139	136	117	182
1946-47—											
May..	98	164	104	94	24	87	120	113	134	109	179
June..	97	165	117	89	24	89	120	115	135	114	179
1947-48—				*							
July ..	92	161	88	85	23	96	78	127	135	107	172
August ..	92	158	122	77	23	83	118	124	133	104	179
September ..	97	164	126	89	24	96	118	133	132	115	183
October ..	101	168	125	92	25	107	120	142	134	120	188
November ..	102	167	125	89	23	104	121	136	134	123	187
December ..	101	167	108	83	25	102	113	133	134	115	182
January ..	103	167	121	97	24	101	114	145	134	118	182
February ..	100	170	129	102	26	97	129	138	138	123	183
March ..	105	171	117	104	28	104	125	150	138	119	181
April ..	106	172	128	106	28	106	126	155	141	124	180
May..	106	171	124	107	29	102	135	136	138	118	185
June..	99	169	134	106	30	112	130	150	138	123	186
1948-49—				*							
July ..	97	164	95	96	31	112	77	146	138	112	180
August ..	103	165	132	89	31	102	120	157	138	110	187
September ..	109	172	138	104	34	114	127	159	140	124	190
October ..	109	174	139	96	34	119	125	165	141	126	191
November ..	108	173	140	106	35	123	131	171	142	129	189
December ..	109	174	121	110	36	123	122	161	142	123	183
January ..	106	167	125	110	34	114	*129	161	142	*124	180
February ..	111	169	133	117	36	109	*139	154	143	*131	179
March ..	111	*174	135	118	*40	*124	*135	169	142	130	174
April ..		175	121	117	41	116	133			171	
May ..			132								168

(a) Base 1937 = 100. (b) Manufacturing, mining and public utilities. (c) Base 1938 = 100. (d) Interim index prepared to provide an overall measure of monthly changes in total industrial production (including supplies and equipment for Armed Forces). Includes mining and quarrying, manufacturing industries, building and contracting, gas, electricity and water. Base 1946 = 100. (e) Eight months May-December. (f) Year ended June. (g) Year ended December. (h) Six months January-June. (i) Eleven months August-June.

For meaning of symbols ... * see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
1936-37	499,289	214,296	77,912	48,587	24,191	7,479
1937-38	534,963	241,751	80,114	55,125	27,402	8,323
1938-39	562,271	258,025	79,237	54,107	24,927	7,370
1941-42	450,851	250,515	49,467	4,005	5,188	923
1942-43	471,742	255,933	48,321	2,360	3,084	389
1943-44	493,391	274,269	52,560	825	12,635	340
1944-45	505,782	290,961	57,239	899	7,654	411
1945-46	522,615	333,129	72,701	2,123	8,686	1,953
1946-47	550,400	375,646	86,712	21,237	16,317	8,220
1947-48	593,077	414,072	100,196	42,745	28,769	14,308
1946-47—						
April	546,762	370,759	85,892	1,832	1,421	605
May	547,757	373,443	86,294	2,115	1,769	699
June	550,400	375,646	86,712	2,188	1,711	572
1947-48—						
July	552,702	377,166	85,592	3,076	2,289	798
August	555,667	381,378	86,943	2,887	2,382	772
September	560,041	386,200	88,199	3,323	2,510	829
October	565,074	390,592	89,625	3,744	2,763	1,147
November	565,368	392,618	91,094	3,119	2,514	1,057
December	568,771	395,806	92,589	3,129	2,406	1,185
January	571,948	398,485	93,615	2,238	1,717	1,226
February	575,787	403,212	95,457	3,357	2,147	1,496
March	578,250	404,997	96,723	3,827	2,279	1,545
April	584,459	409,670	98,454	4,508	2,336	1,498
May	588,716	410,371	99,431	4,760	2,565	1,408
June	593,077	414,072	100,196	4,777	2,861	1,347
1948-49—						
July	596,220	414,071	100,731	5,693	3,122	1,598
August	603,696	419,027	102,392	5,917	2,967	1,623
September	609,539	423,529	104,264	5,876	3,348	1,651
October	614,597	426,580	105,423	5,649	3,239	1,766
November	623,089	431,725	107,273	5,226	3,099	1,887
December	628,928	435,847	108,868	5,033	3,189	1,941
January	*628,406	*436,566	109,673	3,468	2,116	1,610
February	*633,057	*439,374	111,582	4,782	2,250	2,036
March	639,661	443,641	113,200	6,136	3,316	2,320
April	641,289	444,097	114,196	5,355	3,043	1,978

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

For meaning of symbols *, † see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947 particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the total number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
1941-42	(a) 16,282	(a) 136.0	1,294	5,235	1,178
1942-43	19,793	153.7	1,409	6,615	1,540
1943-44	19,694	155.6	1,445	6,434	1,190
1944-45	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	18,510	144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1947-48—	(c)	(c)			(b)
December	18,453	151.3	1,379	6,774	976
January	15,994	144.9	1,412	6,518	591
February	16,620	137.8	1,394	5,471	-114
March	16,814	141.6	1,409	6,105	630
April	19,181	144.7	1,421	6,673	923
May	20,330	151.1	1,448	6,936	350
June	19,127	145.6	1,358	6,944	-839
1948-49—					
July	19,109	141.0	1,280	6,669	211
August	20,837	143.5	1,410	7,109	528
September	20,222	139.9	1,379	7,255	523
October	21,213	152.9	1,382	7,242	432
November	20,141	146.7	1,432	7,224	-78
December	18,820	150.8	1,326	7,424	443
January	17,867	153.5	1,297	6,888	190
February	19,299	140.5	1,492	6,803	2
March	19,117	144.8	1,377	7,435	206

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway January, 1942 and onward.
(c) Excludes Tasmania.

(b) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

Period	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July-May, 1948-49	36,504	15,910	13,658	5,136	4,733	75,941
July-May, 1947-48	33,393	14,783	9,634	4,560	4,200	66,570

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total Australia.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1941-42(a) ..	363	91	57	233	12	78	834
1942-43(a) ..	343	87	59	212	12	71	784
1943-44(a) ..	319	86	53	220	16	76	770
1944-45(a) ..	317	96	47	217	32	66	775
1945-46(a) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	(b) 618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	(b) 707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	(b) 692
Monthly Totals.							
1946-47—							
March ..	220	70	30	210	24	62	616
April ..	283	70	41	282	36	47	(b) 763
May ..	315	71	40	216	14	72	728
June ..	354	74	39	190	33	58	(b) 752
1947-48—							
July ..	298	80	53	220	28	69	(b) 749
August ..	276	60	59	228	22	68	(b) 714
September ..	297	63	51	251	20	42	(b) 727
October ..	338	78	73	226	4	49	(b) 769
November ..	325	60	43	229	10	58	(b) 727
December ..	275	51	30	198	10	45	(b) 610
January ..	225	76	48	227	8	34	(b) 623
February ..	294	55	49	182	7	38	(b) 625
March ..	275	43	2	186	13	67	(b) 587
April ..	350	71	36	187	9	85	(b) 741
May ..	292	55	61	206	32	63	(b) 710
June ..	273	70	46	253	7	76	725
1948-49—							
July ..	332	68	53	220	10	68	751
August ..	297	65	53	224	11	67	717
September ..	335	68	34	211	10	56	(b) 716
October ..	354	51	26	218	8	44	701
November ..	300	56	39	195	17	55	662
December ..	316	67	55	192	11	32	(b) 675
January ..	204	52	31	219	8	42	556
February ..	251	57	43	218	6	46	621
March ..	317	45	56	168	10	54	650

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.
Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

Period	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	304	169	473	419	78	497
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1941-42 (a)	313	146	459	238	109	347
1942-43 (a)	304	119	423	198	105	303
1943-44 (a)	345	148	493	279	142	421
1944-45 (a)	362	150	512	251	151	402
1945-46 (a)	384	139	523	202	121	323
1946-47	348	116	464	259	112	371
1947-48	415	160	575	374	104	478
Monthly Totals.						
1946-47—						
March	294	154	448	225	86	311
April	267	104	371	207	108	315
May	409	141	550	278	142	420
June	445	117	562	272	103	375
1947-48—						
July	480	155	635	198	115	313
August	371	121	492	230	100	330
September	446	181	627	229	85	314
October	507	159	666	304	122	426
November	342	150	492	278	102	380
December	440	124	564	339	101	440
January	452	165	617	415	87	502
February	321	141	462	445	73	518
March	386	195	581	482	92	574
April	409	176	585	506	104	610
May	443	199	642	492	126	618
June	389	151	540	572	139	711
1948-49—						
July	451	216	667	583	99	682
August	428	186	614	387	106	493
September	481	202	683	466	125	591
October	490	178	668	409	161	570
November	483	184	667	379	122	501
December	451	182	633	457	118	575
January	403	240	643	446	67	513
February	514	247	761	424	96	520
March	504	226	730	446	90	536

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

£'000.

Period.	Australia.		
	Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (a)		
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
Monthly Averages. Totals complete.			
1936-37 ..	15,440	21,751	37,191
1937-38 ..	16,942	23,612	40,554
1938-39 ..	16,374	23,388	39,762
1941-42 ..	19,034	29,395	48,429
1942-43 ..	16,821	32,884	49,705
1943-44 ..	17,851	32,622	50,473
1944-45 ..	19,274	32,988	52,262
1945-46 ..	22,330	33,373	55,703
1946-47 ..	24,580	42,170	66,750
1947-48 ..	26,193	53,329	79,522
Taxable Sales—Rates.			
	10 per cent.	25 per cent.	
Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.			
1947-48—			
November ..	25,196	1,485	26,681
December ..	25,507	1,364	26,871
January ..	20,134	711	20,845
February ..	25,762	936	26,698
March ..	26,363	1,125	27,488
April ..	29,102	1,060	30,162
May ..	25,457	1,013	26,470
June ..	26,903	829	27,732
1948-49—			
July ..	29,494	1,037	30,531
August ..	28,420	1,040	29,460
September ..	30,984	1,097	32,081
October ..	28,940	1,165	30,105
November ..	30,175	1,455	31,630
December ..	29,729	1,230	30,959
January† ..	21,600	620	22,220
February† ..	25,900	900	26,800

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47 and 9.9.48 further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

For meaning of symbol † see page 1.

RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected in three States but are available for publication in only two, namely, New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. Because of the relatively rapid development of chain store business, it is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES: PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

Period.	Sydney.				Year.	Queensland.				Year.		
	Average of 3 months ended—					Average of 3 months ended—						
	September.	December.	March.	June.		September.	December.	March.	June.			
1936-37 ..	+6.5	+4.6	+4.5	+5.7	+5.3	+0.8	-2.6	-3.0	-1.3	-1.5		
1937-38 ..	+8.1	+11.7	+6.3	+6.7	+8.3	+1.4	+6.1	+2.7	+5.1	+4.0		
1938-39 ..	+4.7	+2.3	+4.6	-3.1	+1.9	+3.7	+1.1	+0.7	+3.5	+2.6		
1941-42 ..	+15.4	+9.4	+11.5	-2.4	+8.0	+12.3	+10.6	+22.2	-1.0	+11.0		
1942-43 ..	-6.0	-19.3	-18.8	-6.0	-12.6	+0.0	+0.7	+1.4	+13.9	+4.1		
1943-44 ..	-19.3	-1.6	+1.3	-1.8	-5.7	-2.1	+3.5	+3.0	+4.6	+2.4		
1944-45 ..	+6.6	+7.4	+4.8	+3.2	+5.4	+7.6	+10.0	+1.0	-0.3	+4.5		
1945-46 ..	+22.5	+30.8	+37.2	+35.3	+31.6	+16.5	+27.7	+22.4	+24.8	+23.3		
1946-47 ..	+34.6	+25.0	+14.9	+19.0	+23.7	+14.6	+9.3	+9.9	+15.8	+12.4		
1947-48 ..	+23.6	+17.1	+19.5	+18.5	+19.5	+26.0	+17.9	+12.3	+11.4	+16.6		
1948-49 ..	+15.6	+13.1	+16.9			+12.7	+8.2					
	Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—			Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—				
1946-47—												
April ..	+12.8		+13.6			+ 8.9		+ 9.4				
May ..	+ 9.8		+12.7			+ 8.4		+ 8.9				
June ..	+38.2		+19.0			+30.8		+15.8				
1947-48—												
July ..	+12.0		+19.0			+35.6		+23.5				
August ..	+16.9		+21.8			+13.1		+26.3				
September	+41.3		+23.6			+32.0		+26.0				
October ..	+23.4		+26.6			+24.0		+22.7				
November	+ 8.9		+23.8			+16.3		+23.1				
December	+18.8		+17.1			+14.9		+17.9				
January	+23.8		+16.7			+19.3		+16.4				
February	+15.0		+19.1			+11.8		+15.2				
March ..	+19.6		+19.5			+ 6.5		+12.3				
April ..	+35.2		+24.0			+15.1		+11.3				
May ..	+11.9		+21.8			+16.5		+13.2				
June ..	+ 9.7		+18.5			+ 3.7		+11.4				
1948-49—												
July ..	+30.4		+16.4			+23.8		+14.0				
August ..	+19.3		+19.1			+11.0		+12.2				
September	+ 1.9		+15.6			+ 4.5		+12.7				
October	+ 4.2		+ 8.3			+ 8.3		+ 7.7				
November	+19.8		+ 8.2			+ 7.2		+ 6.7				
December	+15.5		+13.1			+ 9.0		+ 8.2				
January ..	+12.2		+16.0			+ 6.9		+ 7.9				
February	+16.1		+14.7			+11.3		+ 9.1				
March ..	+21.1		+16.9									
April ..	+ 1.4		+12.1									

NINE TRADING BANKS. (a)

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

£'000.

Period.	Business within Australia.							
	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Cash.	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1936-37 ..	184,722	112,880	297,602	262,496	15,047	—	34,199	24,512
1937-38 ..	194,785	120,022	314,807	274,365	21,411	—	37,114	20,728
1938-39 ..	198,793	118,868	317,661	288,109	20,477	—	33,597	21,533
1942-43 ..	193,357	233,300	426,657	248,719	62,906	68,420	43,322	59,443
1943-44 ..	211,703	290,988	502,691	232,421	79,961	139,965	40,908	63,826
1944-45 ..	224,023	343,773	567,796	208,719	105,842	207,992	38,038	60,283
1945-46 ..	220,415	385,953	606,368	d212,178	115,272	238,098	38,462	59,782
1946-47 ..	206,862	429,749	636,611	261,140	95,026	264,991	37,928	25,831
1947-48 ..	201,891	471,604	673,495	329,850	65,606	262,258	44,389	18,089
1948-49 ..	211,262	565,140	776,402	368,582	61,454	322,670	48,016	22,111
1946-47—								
June ..	201,616	446,727	648,343	289,741	80,553	275,422	34,407	13,800
1947-48—								
July ..	202,896	429,638	632,534	302,844	77,908	253,188	36,223	10,650
August ..	202,283	426,375	628,658	308,341	76,150	239,503	41,209	11,250
September ..	203,049	435,866	638,915	315,815	75,624	236,253	46,162	14,063
October ..	204,004	447,855	651,859	324,693	73,551	239,073	45,806	16,200
November ..	203,046	456,276	659,322	332,689	65,768	248,691	42,275	14,250
December ..	202,992	465,569	668,561	335,931	61,831	259,463	43,513	11,450
January ..	201,724	471,478	673,202	336,730	59,853	264,078	45,493	16,900
February ..	199,908	486,678	686,586	337,244	59,058	269,391	43,465	21,438
March ..	200,659	504,979	705,638	333,693	59,051	275,163	49,414	26,390
April ..	200,755	508,741	709,496	338,123	59,097	280,478	49,803	31,300
May ..	200,812	507,546	708,358	344,144	58,966	286,728	44,104	25,750
June ..	200,235	516,595	716,830	348,779	59,469	292,953	45,562	19,090
1948-49—								
July ..	199,272	499,317	698,589	361,759	59,565	284,853	40,644	11,600
August ..	199,202	489,086	688,288	361,553	59,594	271,603	45,653	12,450
September ..	202,386	516,582	718,968	363,387	59,249	267,353	54,328	20,210
October ..	211,413	530,850	742,263	372,587	58,357	269,978	52,887	26,913
November ..	213,314	550,791	764,105	373,648	60,468	286,791	49,312	28,550
December ..	213,235	575,364	788,599	371,525	61,225	304,573	50,263	29,950
January(e) ..	215,480	575,644	791,124	363,150	61,253	321,128	53,778	31,950
February ..	214,659	598,677	813,336	363,189	62,050	344,116	51,385	32,100
March ..	213,957	612,043	826,000	360,016	64,928	365,103	47,662	28,380
April ..	218,427	612,191	830,618	372,720	64,385	379,365	44,632	19,050
May ..	217,755	608,423	826,178	375,131	63,404	389,053	45,604	12,725
June ..	215,924	601,486	817,410	383,334	62,464	381,233	39,994	11,140

(a) Bank of Adelaide, Bank of Australasia, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) and Union Bank of Australia Ltd. Average of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter average of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) From January, 1949, the Bank of Australasia and the Bank of New South Wales made a technical adjustment in their method of compiling figures, the result of which was to reduce deposits and advances by approximately £9,000,000 in January, 1949.

For meaning of symbols —, ——, see page 1.

NINE TRADING BANKS. (a)—continued.

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.(b)					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. (b)
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Averages of Weekly Figures.						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	—	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	—	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	—	37.42
1942-43	10.15	24.08	58.29	73.03	16.04	54.68
1943-44	8.14	20.84	46.24	62.15	27.84	57.89
1944-45	6.70	17.31	36.76	55.40	36.63	60.55
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27	63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1946-47— June	5.31	7.44	44.69	57.11	42.48	68.90
1947-48— July	5.73	7.41	47.88	60.20	40.03	67.92
August	6.56	8.35	49.05	61.16	38.10	67.82
September	7.23	9.43	49.43	61.27	36.98	68.22
October	7.03	9.52	49.81	61.09	36.68	68.70
November	6.41	8.57	50.46	60.44	37.72	69.20
December	6.51	8.22	50.25	59.50	38.81	69.64
January	6.76	9.27	50.02	58.91	39.23	70.04
February	6.33	9.45	49.12	57.72	39.24	70.88
March	7.00	10.74	47.29	55.66	38.99	71.56
April	7.02	11.43	47.66	55.99	39.53	71.70
May	6.23	9.87	48.58	56.90	40.48	71.65
June	6.36	9.02	48.66	56.96	40.87	72.07
1948-49— July	5.82	7.48	51.78	60.31	40.78	71.48
August	6.63	8.44	52.53	61.19	39.46	71.06
September	7.56	10.37	50.54	58.78	37.19	71.85
October	7.13	10.76	50.20	58.06	36.37	71.52
November	6.45	10.19	48.90	56.81	37.53	72.08
December	6.37	10.17	47.11	54.87	38.62	72.96
January(e)	6.80	10.84	45.90	53.64	40.59	72.76
February	6.32	10.27	44.65	52.15	42.31	73.61
March	5.77	9.21	43.59	51.45	44.20	74.10
April	5.37	7.66	44.87	52.62	45.67	73.70
May	5.52	7.06	45.41	53.09	47.09	73.65
June	4.89	6.25	46.90	54.54	46.64	73.58

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills.
(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) See footnote (e) on previous page.

For meaning of symbols —, ——, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. (a)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia. (b)

£'000.

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(c)	21,101	35,300	56,401	17,760	7,322	4,198	33,596
1946-47	17,574	40,725	58,299	20,383	6,553	1,909	34,302
1947-48	13,873	43,712	57,585	23,378	6,640	245	32,131
1948-49	13,214	52,069	65,283	45,777	6,622	274	34,339
1946-47—							
June	16,047	42,525	58,572	21,624	5,689	1,125	33,940
1947-48—							
July	15,081	40,922	56,003	22,142	5,108	800	32,565
August	14,765	40,552	55,317	22,834	5,454	—	32,565
September	14,691	40,910	55,601	21,681	6,411	750	32,565
October	14,107	41,872	55,979	21,000	6,288	1,000	32,565
November	14,306	42,376	56,682	21,795	6,557	250	32,565
December	13,906	43,326	57,232	22,746	7,285	—	31,565
January	13,742	42,229	55,971	23,691	6,194	—	31,565
February	13,552	44,251	57,803	22,907	7,806	—	31,565
March	13,415	45,868	59,283	24,420	7,390	—	31,565
April	13,220	46,840	60,060	26,040	7,508	—	31,565
May	13,014	47,203	60,217	26,329	7,622	—	31,565
June	12,717	47,871	60,588	25,279	6,269	—	33,165
1948-49—							
July	12,678	46,563	59,241	26,054	6,074	—	33,190
August	12,673	45,709	58,382	27,745	4,242	—	30,565
September	12,980	47,517	60,497	28,532	6,522	—	30,665
October(a)	12,639	50,570	63,209	44,168	7,526	750	31,520
November	14,048	50,648	64,696	45,900	8,570	750	31,528
December	14,377	52,147	66,524	47,737	7,806	750	32,728
January	14,066	52,702	66,768	50,567	8,559	750	37,528
February	13,453	54,526	67,979	51,872	8,609	375	37,778
March	13,367	53,372	66,739	55,067	5,042	—	37,456
April	13,295	56,206	69,501	56,034	5,400	—	38,074
May	12,429	56,930	69,359	56,517	5,562	—	37,199
June	12,478	57,399	69,877	57,658	5,869	—	34,374

(a) Figures for periods prior to October, 1948, relate to the General Banking Division only. From October, 1948, the figures include the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments. (b) Average of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter average of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946.

For meaning of symbols —, ——, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING
BUSINESS. (a)**

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

£A'000.

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b) ..	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,843	26,864	144,385	181,594	418,266
1946-47 ..	18,741	180,661	199,402	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
1947-48 ..	22,245	175,845	198,090	263,688	28,018	142,014	196,694	419,857
1948-49 ..	24,912	178,649	203,561	323,930	29,764	174,647	336,175	356,260
1946-47—								
June ..	19,326	182,229	201,555	277,234	20,071	127,696	207,397	414,457
1947-48—								
July ..	20,034	183,309	203,343	254,787	21,410	125,141	179,162	417,717
August ..	20,243	184,775	205,018	240,989	25,459	123,652	176,866	411,017
September ..	23,109	180,221	203,330	237,739	29,056	120,119	175,097	407,999
October ..	22,017	174,576	196,593	240,597	28,933	127,236	177,117	408,638
November ..	21,851	173,604	195,455	250,268	26,267	133,922	176,984	419,335
December ..	23,676	177,467	201,143	261,165	25,554	148,309	174,040	450,071
January ..	23,792	172,101	195,893	265,831	28,048	150,678	178,267	447,332
February ..	22,181	170,837	193,018	270,923	27,599	152,982	184,771	440,888
March ..	21,507	173,486	194,993	276,320	33,810	146,773	205,579	424,076
April ..	22,940	173,640	196,580	281,635	33,699	150,138	236,453	404,189
May ..	23,274	172,306	195,580	287,845	27,259	156,929	241,401	406,069
June ..	22,657	173,128	195,785	294,040	29,372	167,148	253,188	400,523
1948-49—								
July ..	23,154	173,451	196,605	285,980	23,121	176,644	260,754	381,844
August ..	23,305	173,300	196,605	272,685	28,019	180,580	266,577	370,667
September ..	23,459	173,246	196,705	268,390	37,937	162,565	280,913	354,288
October ..	23,808	173,922	197,730	271,032	35,526	186,942	303,861	365,989
November ..	24,541	174,814	199,355	288,014	31,281	186,573	322,936	358,176
December ..	27,143	180,852	208,005	305,740	30,090	182,113	342,601	355,341
January ..	26,886	178,781	205,667	322,295	34,614	174,903	340,732	362,748
February ..	24,711	178,644	203,355	345,482	34,313	160,990	351,974	354,098
March ..	24,417	180,988	205,405	366,470	30,592	160,080	375,252	339,108
April ..	26,096	184,321	210,417	380,733	25,484	175,271	387,119	352,166
May ..	26,508	183,597	210,105	390,620	25,182	175,657	396,498	347,650
June ..	24,862	186,193	211,055	382,800	20,893	177,521	393,088	341,702

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on each Wednesday.
months ended June, 1946.

(b) Ten

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(b)

£'000.

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(c) ..	245,824	436,561	682,385	246,662	48,309	67,170	158,642
1946-47 ..	229,515	480,449	709,964	304,391	46,999	28,470	137,807
1947-48 (d) ..	221,199	527,838	749,037	384,698	54,157	19,203	108,283
1948-49 ..	231,812	635,594	867,406	454,142	58,810	24,257	109,470
1946-47— June ..	222,829	499,831	722,660	335,999	42,416	16,200	122,524
1947-48— July ..	222,976	481,809	704,785	350,221	44,113	12,377	118,746
August ..	222,001	477,504	699,505	356,429	48,969	11,810	117,165
September ..	222,722	487,318	710,040	362,944	54,992	15,388	116,774
October ..	223,143	500,357	723,500	371,527	54,451	17,697	114,789
November ..	222,475	510,040	732,515	381,118	51,880	15,090	107,078
December ..	222,097	520,526	742,623	385,649	53,510	12,263	101,851
January (d) ..	220,765	525,883	746,648	397,037	54,982	17,425	102,697
February ..	219,084	543,891	762,975	396,735	54,596	22,125	102,642
March ..	219,922	565,308	785,230	395,097	60,532	27,665	103,197
April ..	219,973	570,436	790,409	401,309	61,405	32,675	103,850
May ..	219,743	569,207	788,950	408,528	55,253	27,125	103,864
June ..	219,158	579,661	798,819	412,026	55,797	20,240	105,961
1948-49— July ..	218,169	560,361	778,530	426,869	49,949	12,775	106,248
August ..	218,435	548,914	767,349	472,984	53,253	12,962	103,596
September ..	222,448	580,070	802,518	429,694	65,613	21,880	102,648
October (e) ..	231,396	597,454	828,850	455,478	64,261	30,213	101,948
November ..	234,439	618,208	852,647	458,601	61,860	31,425	104,187
December ..	234,781	645,248	880,029	458,612	62,236	33,000	106,720
January (f) ..	237,083	648,383	885,466	453,542	67,735	35,100	111,573
February ..	235,868	674,056	909,924	454,873	65,213	34,975	114,011
March ..	235,299	687,566	922,865	455,337	57,834	30,680	117,394
April ..	239,398	690,057	929,455	470,220	54,072	21,100	118,243
May ..	237,808	685,969	923,777	473,055	54,648	14,575	115,921
June ..	236,244	678,569	914,813	482,931	49,148	12,210	111,527

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (a) page 42. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) From October, 1948, the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank have been included. (f) See footnote (e) page 40.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS. (a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

£'000.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b) ..	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
1946-47 ..	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	(c)7,189	3,374	119	c 159,234
1947-48(e) ..	(d)78,383	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,947	142	d 188,244
1946-47—								
May ..	69,235	59,094	17,224	11,144	7,300	3,989	130	168,116
June ..	75,681	57,443	18,983	11,439	7,527	3,536	126	174,735
1947-48—								
July ..	75,112	60,403	19,148	11,950	7,763	3,814	145	178,335
August ..	68,128	57,147	17,583	10,077	7,192	3,391	119	163,637
September ..	71,379	60,228	18,450	11,507	7,505	3,758	143	172,970
October ..	76,408	61,111	19,614	12,470	8,523	3,770	135	182,031
November ..	82,748	66,376	22,854	12,831	8,914	3,854	129	197,706
December ..	82,939	69,908	21,141	12,973	9,222	4,073	138	200,394
January(e) ..	(d)66,299	51,925	18,786	11,121	8,983	3,105	121	d 160,340
February ..	80,174	62,981	19,368	12,879	9,360	3,665	141	188,568
March ..	77,182	62,098	17,527	12,785	8,625	4,389	131	182,737
April ..	77,206	69,492	18,961	13,278	9,983	4,405	169	193,494
May ..	86,273	72,182	20,457	13,760	9,269	4,353	157	206,451
June ..	93,451	75,638	25,608	16,305	9,611	4,564	175	225,352
1948-49—								
July ..	86,420	73,431	24,706	14,113	9,650	4,363	163	212,846
August ..	78,727	68,050	21,241	12,354	8,454	4,156	176	193,158
September ..	85,322	72,796	23,602	14,473	10,199	4,290	184	210,866
October ..	90,417	74,204	24,087	15,407	10,558	4,367	166	219,206
November ..	89,985	72,009	23,809	14,869	11,080	4,132	171	216,055
December ..	96,094	82,457	24,656	16,121	11,474	5,102	188	236,092
January ..	83,587	66,282	20,780	13,353	10,912	3,812	237	198,963
February ..	91,121	82,640	27,610	16,517	11,916	5,162	195	235,161
March ..	92,721	85,897	23,751	17,996	12,067	5,200	208	237,840
April ..	93,484	80,109	24,356	15,716	9,940	4,812	225	228,642
May ..	102,402	85,603	27,106	16,757	11,222	5,502	240	248,832

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Average of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter average of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See note (d) on previous page. (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

BANK CLEARINGS. (a)

Statistics of debits to customers' accounts were not available prior to September, 1945 (for September, 1945, onward see page 45). In their absence bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance.

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	Weekly Averages. (b)
Weekly Averages.								
1936-37	17,247	15,592	3,753	2,900	1,989	559	42,040	976
1937-38	17,964	16,323	4,038	3,040	2,092	577	44,034	1,023
1938-39	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090	1,001
1942-43	26,084	25,830	5,904	4,532	2,489	813	65,652	1,525
1943-44	28,071	27,051	6,816	4,924	2,719	943	70,524	1,638
1944-45	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226	1,678
1945-46	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555	1,848
1946-47	38,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894	2,181
1947-48	44,786	41,237	9,288	8,038	4,892	1,543	109,784	2,550
1948-49	53,519	48,870	11,131	9,663	6,039	1,778	131,000	3,043
1946-47— June	40,235	37,129	9,158	7,306	3,923	1,304	99,055	2,301
1947-48— July	42,914	39,556	9,251	7,136	4,329	1,505	104,691	2,432
August	37,671	34,214	8,341	6,063	3,705	1,320	91,314	2,121
September	39,959	38,983	8,907	7,516	4,072	1,569	101,006	2,346
October	43,082	38,720	9,049	7,712	4,848	1,444	104,855	2,435
November	49,701	45,468	10,770	8,262	5,047	1,452	120,700	2,803
December	43,123	41,963	9,739	7,783	5,080	1,529	109,217	2,537
January	36,164	32,597	8,460	7,139	5,553	1,134	91,047	2,115
February	46,225	40,830	8,685	8,867	5,701	1,492	111,800	2,597
March	44,026	41,744	7,862	8,419	4,652	1,930	108,633	2,523
April	45,971	45,355	8,579	8,124	5,480	1,696	115,205	2,676
May	54,829	46,661	9,312	8,303	4,912	1,683	125,700	2,920
June	53,175	47,842	12,107	10,731	5,372	1,670	130,897	3,040
1948-49— July	51,257	47,462	12,414	8,576	5,214	1,768	126,691	2,943
August	45,811	42,613	9,627	7,247	4,331	1,657	111,286	2,585
September	52,228	48,646	10,948	9,622	5,842	1,605	128,891	2,994
October	55,191	49,677	10,689	9,657	5,890	1,715	132,819	3,084
November	54,128	45,531	11,420	10,097	6,410	1,599	129,185	3,000
December	55,227	50,948	10,627	9,878	6,660	1,743	135,083	3,137
January	45,117	38,147	8,660	8,690	6,257	1,330	108,201	2,513
February	51,378	48,180	12,569	10,060	6,882	2,208	131,277	3,049
March	51,909	52,908	10,088	11,302	7,005	1,985	135,197	3,140
April	54,609	52,170	10,877	9,343	5,570	1,716	134,285	3,119
May	61,526	53,827	12,383	10,345	5,921	2,174	146,176	3,395
June	61,354	52,807	13,058	10,401	6,092	1,796	145,508	3,380

(a) For periods to December, 1946, average of weeks ended last Monday of period; thereafter average of weeks ended last Wednesday. (b) Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. The monthly index is based on the clearings for the month without adjustment for seasonal variations.

AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN SAVINGS BANKS, ETC.

£'000.

Amount on deposit at end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(a)
1936-37 ..	81,952	75,720	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	230,851
1937-38 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	240,432
1938-39 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	245,587
1941-42 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	274,275
1942-43 ..	122,405	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	357,995
1943-44 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	471,530
1944-45 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	566,964
1945-46 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,448	663,554
1946-47 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,856	660,015
1947-48 ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	681,318
1947-48—							
September ..	232,654	218,175	85,422	68,646	36,738	21,129	664,388
October ..	232,568	218,003	85,003	68,813	36,384	21,008	663,409
November ..	231,775	218,668	84,836	68,918	36,214	20,937	662,979
December ..	231,250	218,914	84,226	69,278	35,838	20,821	661,931
January ..	231,430	219,626	83,817	69,796	35,722	20,840	662,856
February ..	232,182	220,504	83,543	70,450	35,727	21,057	665,114
March ..	232,712	221,647	83,384	71,258	35,552	21,174	667,389
April ..	232,788	221,695	83,181	71,678	35,546	21,294	667,858
May ..	233,034	222,237	83,277	71,861	35,657	21,374	669,135
June ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	(b) 681,318
1948-49—							
July ..	237,265	226,774	85,033	74,004	36,124	21,611	682,623
August ..	236,910	227,221	85,159	74,433	36,215	21,851	683,573
September ..	237,246	227,814	85,275	74,725	36,245	21,851	684,955
October ..	237,831	227,810	85,474	75,321	36,343	21,836	686,424
November ..	238,030	228,581	85,828	75,975	36,456	21,817	688,515
December ..	237,924	228,472	85,801	76,394	36,298	21,719	688,416
January ..	238,564	229,421	85,628	76,945	36,477	21,740	690,600
February ..	240,000	230,683	85,612	77,860	36,569	21,988	694,562
March ..	240,282	231,411	85,637	78,434	36,650	22,070	696,336
April ..	240,452	233,504	85,731	79,035	36,887	22,177	699,644
May ..	240,467	234,903	85,732	79,370	36,929	22,241	701,515

(a) Includes Internal Territories.

(b) Interest added—1946-47, £11.3m.; 1947-48, £11.3m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

Australian Notes held by Public on last Monday (a) in each Month.

£'000.

	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
July ..	167,051	180,181	183,687	173,243
August ..	168,785	180,451	185,032	173,328
September ..	170,217	180,499	177,092	173,594
October ..	171,950	180,267	173,604	173,898
November ..	173,308	179,570	173,217	174,912
December ..	179,749	184,714	180,338	188,360
January ..	178,291	178,510	171,455	176,950
February ..	177,571	178,244	170,669	178,913
March ..	178,188	179,411	176,303	182,233
April ..	181,831	181,775	174,472	185,539
May ..	180,274	181,662	172,418	184,206
June ..	181,673	183,643	173,839	189,111

(a) Figures relate to last Wednesday in each month from January, 1947.

Savings Certificates.—Net amounts outstanding at end of each month. First issue made 18th March, 1940:—

£'000.

	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
July ..	52,962	55,417	59,729	64,721
August ..	53,440	56,039	59,705	64,887
September ..	53,622	56,434	61,447	64,952
October ..	53,768	56,782	62,666	65,258
November ..	53,981	57,115	63,024	64,937
December ..	54,312	57,617	62,982	64,955
January ..	54,100	57,544	63,068	(a) 64,786
February ..	54,295	57,562	63,370	64,842
March ..	54,195	58,086	63,529	64,108
April ..	54,291	58,491	63,645	63,489
May ..	54,427	58,993	64,241	62,802
June ..	54,677	59,526	64,483	62,198

June, 1940, £6.1m.; June, 1941, £17.4m.; June, 1942, £26.2m.; June, 1943, £35.1m.; June, 1944, £43.7m.; and June, 1945, £52.5m. (a) Sales of Savings Certificates, except to wind up group schemes, &c., discontinued after 31st January, 1949.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS : AUSTRALIA.

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Rate for securities maturing in 2, 7 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, 5-10 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Discontinued. (d) For December, 1945 and onward years. (e) Eight months. (f) From 1st May, 1949

years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) Discontinued. (d) Discontinued. (e) Eight months. (f) From 1st May, 1949.

RATES OF INTEREST ON FIRST MORTGAGES : NEW SOUTH WALES.
 URBAN SECURITIES—WEIGHTED AVERAGES.(a)

Period.	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	Period.	%
	%	%	%	%	%	1948—	
March .. .	5.6	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.4	December ..	4.4
June .. .	5.6	4.4	4.5	4.4		1949—	
September .. .	5.5	4.4	4.4	4.4		January .. .	4.4
December .. .	5.8	4.5	4.4	4.4		February .. .	4.4
Year Ended December	5.6	4.5	4.5	4.4		March .. .	4.4
Year Ended June ..	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.4		April .. .	4.4
						May .. .	4.4

(a) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.
For meaning of symbols . . . * see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1942-43	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.450	8.400
1943-44	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.452	8.400
1944-45	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.592	8.413
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1946-47— June	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1947-48— July	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
August	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
September	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
October	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
November	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
December	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
January	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
February	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
March	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
April	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
May	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
June	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49— July	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
August	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
September	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
October	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
November	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
December	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
January	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
February	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
March	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
April	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
May	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613
June	125.25	4.030	3.206	10.763	8.613

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.
price paid by the mints in Australia.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotations.

(c) Average

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

£'000.

Government of—	July-May, 1947-48.			July-May, 1948-49.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(a)	77,799	77,570	+ 229	86,530	86,410	+ 120
Victoria ..	34,914	37,591	- 2,677	38,987	43,161	- 4,174
Queensland ..	23,466	23,716	- 250	29,340	29,576	- 236
South Australia ..	16,725	17,125	- 400	18,789	19,856	- 1,067
Western Australia ..	15,064	16,197	- 1,133	18,312	18,961	- 649
Tasmania ..	4,266	4,551	- 285	4,959	5,065	- 106
Six States ..	172,234	176,750	- 4,516	196,917	203,029	- 6,112
Commonwealth ..	393,197	393,197	-	469,742	469,742	-
Grand Total (b)	513,467	517,983	- 4,516	604,613	610,725	- 6,112

£'000.

Government of—	Year 1947-48.			Year 1948-49.—Estimate.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(a)	86,932	87,125	- 193	94,434	94,340	+ 94
Victoria ..	41,728	42,282	- 554	43,793	47,092	- 3,299
Queensland ..	26,820	26,914	- 94	31,457	31,442	+ 15
South Australia ..	18,843	19,156	- 313	21,250	21,510	- 260
Western Australia ..	17,710	18,062	- 352	20,327	20,492	- 165
Tasmania ..	4,816	5,102	- 286	5,424	5,800	- 376
Six States ..	196,849	198,641	- 1,792	216,685	220,676	- 3,991
Commonwealth ..	465,905	464,485	+ 1,420	509,542	509,542	-
Grand Total (b)	602,539	602,911	- 372	655,972	659,963	- 3,991

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication on aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

£'000.

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Common-wealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania.	Total.
At 30th June, 1949—								
Australia (b) ..	123,280	..	..	..	..	..	..	123,280
London ..	1,720	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	24,588
At 30th June, 1948—								
Australia (b) ..	208,280	..	..	..	..	..	..	208,280
London ..	1,970	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	24,838

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling.
(b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department,(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.		
			Lines.	Instruments.	No.
	£'000.	No.			
Monthly Averages.					
1936-37	1,318	938,331	440,471	594,855
1937-38	1,396	1,056,004	465,498	630,175
1938-39	1,447	1,129,786	487,535	661,996
1942-43	2,033	(c) 1,419,793	540,261	766,846
1943-44	2,223	1,454,302	557,072	799,729
1944-45	2,323	1,479,802	577,777	827,862
1945-46	2,371	1,506,080	607,475	855,917
1946-47	2,484	1,771,247	647,876	905,017
1947-48	2,616	1,832,816	688,348	963,154
1948-49	2,776			
Monthly Totals.					
1946-47—					
May	2,618	1,725,390	645,045	900,734
June	2,592	1,771,247	647,876	905,017
1947-48—					
July	2,505	1,789,052	651,966	910,954
August	2,517	1,795,944	655,995	916,532
September	2,736	1,814,420	660,012	922,089
October	2,763	1,821,860	663,694	927,325
November	2,370	1,822,993	666,598	931,584
December	2,836	1,832,419	669,414	936,164
January	2,466	1,834,035	671,864	939,724
February	2,454	1,841,824	675,177	944,242
March	2,609	1,843,953	678,559	949,087
April	2,744	1,862,774	682,132	954,135
May	2,562	1,819,717	685,233	958,691
June	2,834	1,832,816	688,348	963,154
1948-49—					
July	2,536	1,854,577	692,038	968,315
August	2,667	1,867,842	695,804	973,567
September	2,755	1,871,655	700,023	979,229
October	2,724	1,877,588	703,711	984,512
November	2,743	1,893,366	707,324	990,041
December	3,009	1,899,495	711,672	995,773
January	2,367	1,902,972	715,063	1,000,491
February	2,613	1,913,172	718,708	1,005,596
March	3,159	1,925,618	722,123	1,010,627
April	2,649	1,918,032	725,648	1,015,578
May	2,956	1,916,310	730,292	1,022,174
June	3,129			

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one

For meaning of symbol — see page 1.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for a year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of period.

Period.	Temporary.		Permanent.		
	Australian Residents Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	New Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1936-37	1,937	2,294	1,148	953
1937-38	2,060	2,617	1,478	925
1938-39	1,966	2,649	2,081	1,055
1941-42	103	474	(b) 1,172	225
1942-43	49	83	(b) 248	122
1943-44	100	200	(b) 208	229
1944-45	255	246	(b) 342	577
1945-46	344	550	1,063	1,772
1946-47	940	1,229	1,918	2,107
1947-48	1,981	1,729	3,881	1,523
Monthly Totals.					
1946-47—					
May	1,033	1,262	1,184	1,339
June	895	1,004	2,089	1,224
1947-48—					
July	2,082	1,129	3,504	2,202
August	2,502	1,156	1,549	1,583
September	1,457	1,702	3,440	1,309
October	1,752	1,759	2,051	914
November	1,743	1,786	4,231	2,419
December	2,038	1,948	4,353	923
January	1,684	1,931	3,378	2,146
February	3,334	1,770	4,434	1,451
March	1,978	2,245	3,935	1,294
April	1,420	1,839	4,697	1,266
May	2,187	1,757	5,745	1,210
June	1,600	1,732	5,252	1,556
1948-49—					
July	1,033	1,956	5,046	834
August	1,718	2,259	7,265	2,853
September	770	2,017	4,861	1,153
October	1,231	2,763	7,425	1,519
November	929	2,443	9,822	908
December	1,673	3,459	3,879	1,081
January	2,261	2,961	9,931	1,748
February	3,078	*3,393	*10,135	1,915
March	2,759	*3,552	*10,362	1,385
April	2,321	3,395	9,838	1,418
May†	2,878	2,898	17,963	1,540

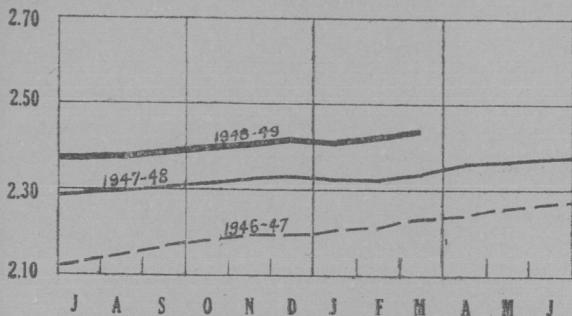
(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939 to June, 1947.

(b) Includes evacuees, monthly averages—1941-42, 820; 1942-43, 102; 1943-44, 44; 1944-45, 35.

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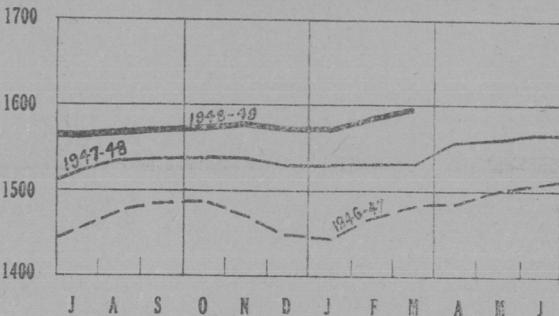
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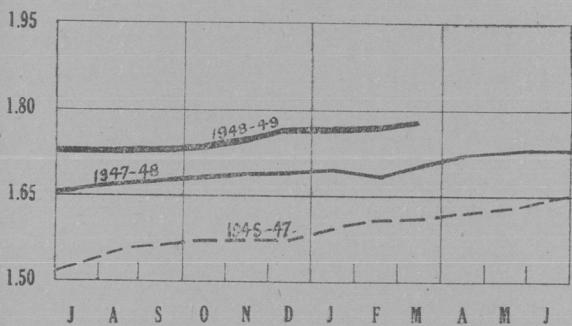
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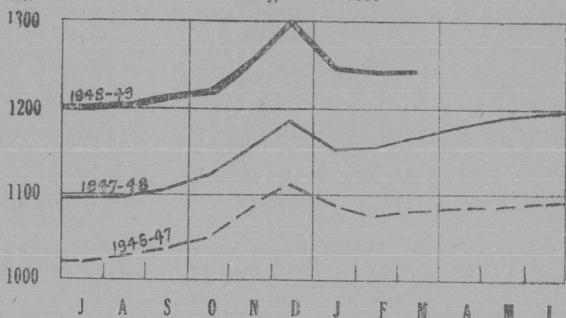
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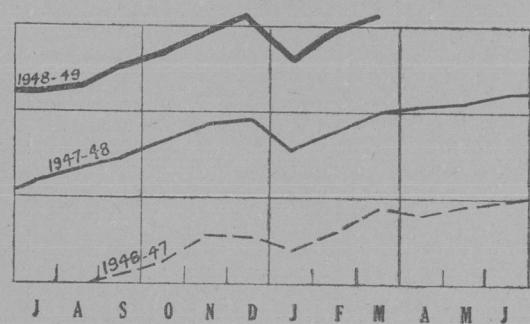
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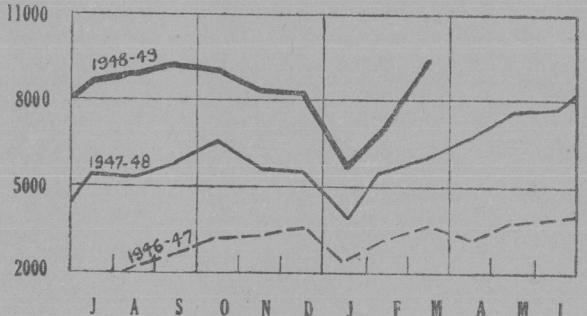
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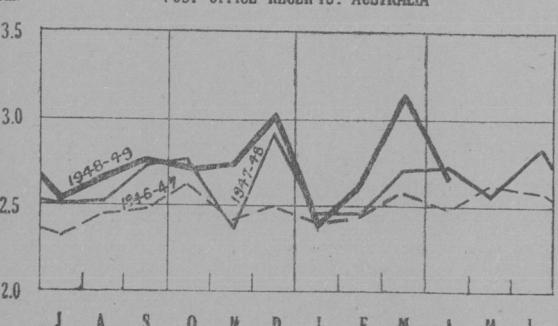
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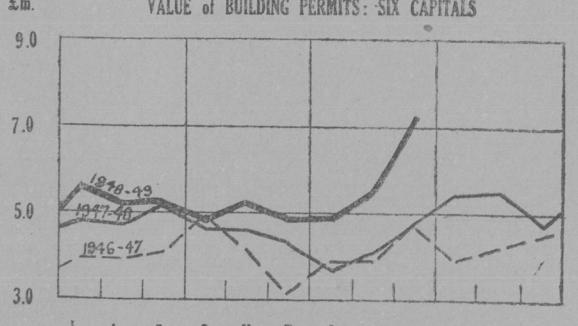
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